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Answer the questions below then find the answers in the FIND-A-STAR above

- 1) Which famous 'magic boot' led Real Madrid to glory during the Real finals era?
- 2) Who is called the 'Bulgarian Wolf' in the Bulgarian side because of his rugged appearance?
- 3) In the 'Dream Team' of the World Cup '94, a FIFA line-up of the best players from the finals, who is named captain?
- 4) Who was nominated as coach (Q3) - because of his energy and experience?
- 5) Which English team boasts a phenomenal trail of victory during the eighties - a decade in which for every season except one they were League champions or runners-up?
- 6) Which former Spurs star and Argentine legend left the managers chair at West Brom under a cloud?
- 7) Who was his fellow countryman (Q6) and partner during his glory days at the Spurs?
- 8) Who is currently the 'Hat-trick King' in the Premier League?
- 9) Which national side had the nickname 'The Magyars'?
- 10) Who was named 'World Player of the Year' in 1988?

Darren Alley

Wade bound for Canberra

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PAUL WADE, Australia's World Cup midfield skipper, could be joining newly admitted side to the A-League, Canberra Cosmos.

The 33-year old experienced warhorse still has plenty of good football left in his lithe frame and could very be an excellent acquisition for Mick Lyons Canberra's English-born coach who has struggled to gather in a strong squad to kick off the coming season.

The former Evertonian, could do a lot worse than signing up Wade who could be expected to impart a wealth of his international experience.

Wade confirmed from his Melbourne home last night: "Yes I've had talks with Canberra as well as Mick.

"I first met Mick last year up in Brisbane when he made a quick visit to Australia from Brunei.

"When I was a young kid back in England and Mick was playing for Everton, he was one of my heroes, so I know him well.

"With a young team such as Canberra, it would be an ideal challenge for me and I have always loved challenges.

"But I'm still waiting as Canberra has a few things to sort out first," ended Wade, Australia's most capped Socceroo.

Souths have listed Wade for



Paul Wade:

Will he link up with Canberra?

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WARATAH CUP FINAL PREVIEW

David and Goliath battle for \$50,000

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Sydney United, studded with a multitude of young international stars and one of the A-League's high rating sides, could easily find on Sunday a defiant Canterbury Marrickville Olympic standing between them and the glory of a Waratah Cup Final victory, plus the richest cash prize in Australian Soccer.

The NSW Soccer Federation sponsored Waratah Cup Final to be played at Marconi Stadium on Sunday at 3pm, will bring together the best Sydney side from the A-League (United) to clash with the much lower-profile Canterbury from the ranks of the NSW Super League.

But this is Cup Final football and look what has happened over years gone by at London's Wembley Stadium during an F.A. Cup Final. Being underdogs is considered as being a huge advantage by John Xipolitas, coach of the giant-killers Canterbury.

Last Saturday night, Xipolitas was beaming with unyielding pride for his team after having guided them in the semi-final to knock out of the Cup, the also high-



Spiro Hantzis: Canterbury's experienced defender & skipper.

profiled and rebuilt A-Leaguers, Marconi by 3-1.

"I have youth, mobility, very sound experience as well as great discipline and spirit from all my players. We are well-balanced.

"You saw how we fought for each other as a unit to knock-out Marconi.

"Well expect the same performance on Sunday against United", promised a confident Xipolitas.

Canterbury obviously will again be looking for outstanding performances

from their twin-veteran central midfielders, Tommy Divjak and Burim Zajmi, plus the non-stop running of the lanky and fellow midfielder, Damian Smith, who together laid down the blue-print leading to Marconi's ultimate destruction.

However Branko Culina, United's coach, was a keen observer at Marconi Stadium last Saturday, as he witnessed first hand Canterbury's outstanding giant-killing performance.

It's almost certain that Culina will stiffen his defence by bring back his experienced central defender, Velimir Kupresak to link up with his sweeper and captain, Tony Popovic and mobile marker, Mark Basic.

This towering trio will prove most problematical to the Berries if they expect to bombard and crack United with an aerial attack.

Whilst the Berries took care of Marconi, United stormed into Sunday's Cup Final following a comfortable yet solid 2-0 disposal of Parramatta Eagles through goals from their highly talented attacking midfielders, Ante Milicic and Ante Moric.

Whilst Xipolitas is expected to have already installed a match-plan to block the raids and lethal crosses from United's new signing, attacking defender Robbie Trajkovski, and the excellent distribution of central midfielder Ante Moric. Culina is certain to have already devised plans that will attempt to deny Canterbury's 'gear-box' space to operate.

Remember, this is Cup Final football and the fans will be certain winners regardless of the result.



Tony Popovic: United's cultured sweeper and captain.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE MOVES PENDING

BY CON STAVROS

South Melbourne Soccer defender Kevin Muscat will have to wait on the development of negotiations with England Division One club Sheffield United to see where he will be playing this season.

Muscat, 22, has arrived back in Australia after completing a months trial with the club, who have expressed an interest in signing him.

Sheffield have offered \$150,000 to South for Muscat - a deal scoffed at by coach Frank Arok.

"He is a much better player than some who have gone (overseas) for top prices," said Arok of the offer.

"He is as good as Stan Lazaridis and West Ham paid \$600,000 for him".

Muscat, who also trialed in England in 1993, appears philosophical about the developments and will bide his time while negotiations continue.

"They (Sheffield) told me they were pleased with me and wanted me back", said Muscat.

"I have to leave it to the two clubs to sort out now".

It is believed that there is interest in Muscat from several English clubs and South now will most likely wait and see what other offers are thrown on the table now that Sheffield has started the bidding.

The likely loss of Muscat would stretch the South Melbourne departure list to a definite five star players and possibly six if the rumours about Steve Mautone prove true.

With Francis Awaritefe, Gary Hasler, Con Boutsianis, Jason Polak and Muscat on the exit ramp, Mautone is also believed to be discussing terms with a number of English clubs.

Unhappy with the two goalkeeper role utilised by South, especially since Dean Anastasiadis seems to have the front running, Mautone's likely departure would not come as a major shock to the club.

In fact it appears that contingency plans are in



Kevin Muscat: "I have to leave it to the two clubs to sort out now".



place to lure back former youth team star 'keeper Mike Lilikakis.

A standout with Victorian Premier League crowd favourites Port Melbourne for the past two years, Lilikakis would be a popular replacement, although he too is also considering a move overseas following trials with a Greek club earlier this year.

With the season just over a week away, South, like most clubs, are a long ways from developing a settled squad.

Offers to Vic. Premier League team Sunshine Georgies for defender Agim Sherifovski and striker Craig Lewis are still pending. Sunshine have a reputation for being stubborn

negotiators so nobody is expecting those moves to be finalised quickly.

As insurance, Arok has also put out feelers to Bulleen, hoping to try out two of their players in defender Robert Liparotti and forward Peter Di Iorio.

Out of favour striker Francis Awaritefe may end up at Marconi rather than Morwell following moves by the glamour NSW team to open talks last week.

Marconi have asked South for permission to speak to Awaritefe and are keen to learn what it will take to lure the popular goalscorer North.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW Super League outfit, Canterbury, greatly embarrassed the NSL's star-studded Marconi side last Saturday night at the Marconi Stadium by inflicting a most humiliating 3-1 defeat on their more illustrious opponent.

A stunning second half courageous performance by Canterbury sent Marconi crashing out of the rich Waratah Cup to put themselves into Sunday's Cup Final, also at the Marconi Stadium, against Sydney United.

It took two special veteran midfielders with outstanding displays to power and guide the Berries into their second Cup Final in three years.

Majestically positioned in centre-pitch, twin-34 year olds, Burim Zajmi and Tommy Divjak, controlled the entire midfield and their vast experience engineered their team to victory, allowing the much younger midfielder Damian Smith to do immense damage with his powerhouse running.

Central-markers Michael Karamis and Michael Raeburn, welded by free-back Spiro Hantzis, denied the Marconi marksmen many chances.

This undoubtedly was the main advantage Canterbury had over Marconi who severely lacked a midfield-general to direct traffic.

Although the scoreline was locked 1-1 at the break, it appeared that it would be only a formality before Marconi would find the Berries easy pickings in the second session.



But it was not to be. Far from it.

Marconi's 'goal-a-game-striker', Andy Harper, opened the score in the 20th minute (his fourth in three Cup matches) when a deflected drive from his midfielder Brad Maloney popped up nicely to allow Harper to send a looping header into the top left corner.

But the brave Berries bounced back before the break to 'balance the books'. A 40 metre free-kick by the experienced midfielder Tommy Divjak floated across to find centre-back Raeburn. He headed into the target's far right corner.

Playing with an adventurous 3-5-2 formation Canterbury was full of fight in the second half. They savagely ignored Marconi's high profile as they shut-down their opponents whilst off the ball, and then unselfishly moved the ball to one another when in



Burim Zajmi: Canterbury's veteran midfield general.

possession with full support to their attack.

In the 64th minute, Canterbury's submerged authority surfaced when Vlado Zoric cleverly fed half-time sub, Louis Dounis. Dounis scored from 12 metres to lift his team into the lead.

The Berries buried Marconi when they cemented their supremacy in the 75th minute with their third goal which proved a trifle lucky.

Following a well-measured corner on the left by Divjak, the ball flew from Robert Jerkovic's head goalwards but ricocheted off Maloney's head on the near post to squeeze into the target despite a in vain attempt to save by Bobby Catlin with an outstretched glove.

A very disappointed Marconi coach, Manfred Schaefer, reflected: "The trouble playing against teams like these is you have difficulties in scoring goals

against them. They have nothing and we have everything to lose like we did tonight.

"Two of their goals were against the run of play, but maybe this is going to be a blessing in disguise for us. We must now be strong enough to accept it and learn from this defeat.

"We lost possession far too easily and always took the wrong options and got punished for it", ended Schaefer.

An understandably elated Canterbury coach, John Xipolitis who now has piloted the Berries in three years to three finals (two Cup and one Grand Final), explained: "It was my two central-midfielders Divjak and Zajmi that were the spine for our victory. Their vast experience injected much confidence into our younger players.

"This was virtually the first time this year that I have been able to field my full team in the formation that I love. The final score fully reflected and rewarded my boys for their courageous efforts," beamed the former Cypriot international striker.

MARCONI: Catlin: Stanton, Holst, De Marigny: Casserly, Hristodoulou, McDonald (Iocca 66th), Maloney, Ravanello (Bingley 53rd): Harper, Angelucci.

CANTERBURY: Tolios: Karamis, Raeburn, Hantzis: Jerkovic, Smith, Zajmi, Divjak, Drouzos (Dounis 46th): Ilic (Percy 68th), Zoric.

In the other semi final Ante Milicic and Ante Moric netted for Sydney United in their 2-0 win over Parramatta.

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Boutsianis still without a club

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

South Melbourne attacking left midfielder Con Boutsianis unexpectedly returned to Victoria last week after a short trial with Adelaide City. City's boss, Johnny Perin surprisingly couldn't make up his mind on the player and decided to release him back to Souths. But maybe all is not lost for the wandering and ever-smiling goalscoring midfielder. Rumours circled Melbourne early last week that Souths' boss, Frank Arok, who has clashed during the pre-season with Boutsianis, was very interested in doing a swap-deal with Sydney Olympic's pacey striker, Joe Bacak in exchange for Boutsianis. It's no secret that Arok has always liked to base his tactical plans on young mobile players.



Con Boutsianis: Still looking for a club.

Polak for the Falcons

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JASON POLAK, Souths Melbourne's elegant and constructive Socceroo midfielder, who has been most unceremoniously dumped by coach Frank Arok, is expected to join the Latrobe Valley outfit, Morwell Falcons.

Polak, 27, who resides in Glenn Iris but soon expects to move into his brand new home in Williamstown, has been understandably most reluctant to move out of

Melbourne.

But having been told that his services are no longer required by Souths, Polak's options are limited within the Victorian borders.

It was understood that former World Cup captain, John Kosmina originally would have relished having Polak's services at his new club, Newcastle Breakers, as the play-maker.

Polak has played with Newcastle before, just prior to joining South three years ago.

At this stage it appears as if it could not only be Polak that will be leaving Souths to link up with the Falcons.

Goalkeeper Steve Mautone, tough defender Gary Hasler and explosive striker Francis Awaritife have all had talks with the

Falcons and have even attended some training sessions.

We also understand that Mautone has a strong desire to join an English club and is waiting on his personal manager to come back to him with some encouraging news.



Jason Polak: Expected to join the Morwell Falcons soon.

KALAC GRANTED WORK PERMIT AT LAST

Gratifying news filtered through over the week-end for Zeljko Kalac, Sydney United's towering international goalkeeper who was sold for a record transfer fee of \$1.7 million to Leicester City.

Kalac who had to wait for a period of three months has been at long last granted his eagerly awaited work-permit by the British Government.

Last Friday the giant 22 year old 'keeper received a call from England breaking the good news.

The big fella in a flash was packed and flew out of Sydney last Sunday afternoon to report to manager, Mark McGhee for training at Leicester yesterday afternoon.

Kalac has all the qualities to become one of the very best goalkeepers in England.

Besides being extremely tall (6'7"), Zeljko is elastic, has an incredible reach, heaps of courage and stacks of confidence to come out for crosses.

Within two seasons, we expect Zeljko Kalac to strongly challenge fellow Australian 'keeper, Mark Bosnich with Aston Villa for the crown of 'Prince of Goalkeepers' in Britain.

- John Economos

UTS OLYMPIC TRIALS

UTS Olympic is currently holding trials for Under 13s, 14s, 15s & 16s as well as for the Colts team.

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higher.

All coaching seminars relating to the program will be conducted by Steve Darby, former Development

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FIFA LAWS ON BLEEDING COMMENDED

Dear Sir,
This letter aims to give all readers of ABSW, true devotees of the World Game, a huge pat on the back.

In our code of football if a player gets a cut and blood starts to flow, the referee stops the game immediately. The player must be taken from the field of play and treated. If the blood cannot be satisfactorily stopped from flowing the player must be replaced. Surely a sensible decision in these days of blood-borne diseases such as HIV and the various forms of hepatitis.

The sickening photograph published on the back of the Monday September 18 edition of both 'The Australian' and 'The Telegraph Mirror' was stomach-churning.

Here were two athletes, from the League code, facing off millimetres apart. One on the right appeared to have blood round his left eye — their noses were touching.

Their mouths were so close that bodily fluids must have splattered into each other's faces. A most unedifying spectacle. What if one of these players carries hepatitis in his blood or even worse?

If infection is transferred when will it be detected? Who will be responsible the other club or the code's controlling body or the referee.

And that is the pre-eminent code in NSW — makes you think, doesn't it? It also must gladden your heart and mind that our code of football has superior laws regarding injury.

Bob Brooks, Seven Hills, NSW.

COVER THE CUP!

Dear Sir,

Your article on the Waratah Cup was oh! So true. It's an exciting competition, even from the early stages when I have spent many chilly Wednesday nights watching lower division clubs "giant-kill" higher opposition.

Yes, it's a shame that the tabloids ignore it, however, if I was you I wouldn't go around bleating about public ignorance when ABSW itself barely gives it a mention — except in the later rounds when the NSL teams take part.

So instead of sucking up to the minorities with "Croatian Corner", etc. how about a better coverage of domestic Australian soccer. To promote the Waratah Cup you could start by giving us a few more details of the earlier rounds which can only increase its popularity.

I'm sick of hearing you guys in a position of media power whinging about publicity. The day Australian Soccer Weekly sold itself out to the British and World scene was in itself, a dark day for our game.

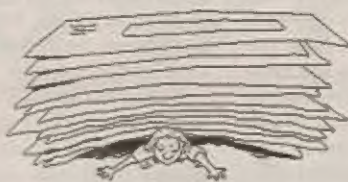
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— Editor.

Letters to the Editor

Have your say on any soccer issue in the world. Preference will be given to short letters. Include daytime phone number for verification.



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A soccer story from which to take heart

Dear Sir,

To be honest I've been disappointed in recent weeks with the negative tone of some of the letters published. Your weekly newspaper is excellent for Aussie Soccer and I'd like to contribute on a more positive note.

Soccer in Queensland is well supported with many talented players coming through the junior ranks. Committed efforts from coaches, clubs and dedicated association people need to know that their efforts are recognised.

Lindsay Foster is one young Queensland player that deserves a special mention. Lindsay is an U/16 player and has played for Souths United (Brisbane) for 11 years. He attends John Paul College as an Elite Athlete in the College's Soccer School of Excellence Program.

Lindsay has been a regular 'standout' player at the Qld. State Championships, representing Brisbane South since U/12.

Last year he competed at the National Titles held in Melbourne. His special talent is scoring goals. An elusive turn, a split second free and a left foot with a knack of finding the sweet spot.

Earlier this year Lindsay suffered a setback when he was told that the breathing difficulty he was



Lindsay Foster: Fighting cancer scare.

experiencing was due to Non Hodgkinson Lymphoma Cancer. The treatment over the last six months has had positive results.

Lindsay is a quiet young man. He's one of these blokes that lets his 'crowd pleasing' runs do the talking for him. This attacking spirit has not let him down and we're all

looking forward to seeing Lindsay back in action.

To all the Aussie Soccer fans out there, take heart from Lindsay's story. Don't dwell on the negatives, a positive focus is what is needed. It's too easy to get knocked flat... Get up. C'mon Aussie C'mon!

Jim Campion,
Alexandra Hills, QLD.

Wran & Hill upset fan



Dear Sir,

I was watching SBS Sports News Friday 15 September when David Hill and Neville Wran (above) came on.

I was so upset and disgusted with the hypocrisy the two men displayed.

David Hill said that he picked the best 12 teams for Soccer Australia and left the 3 worst teams out.

What nerve has he got to come out with this conclusion, when he doesn't even know how Canberra Cosmos and Newcastle teams are going to perform?

This is a complete lie.

Also Neville Wran has got a hide to say that too many teams carry too many ethnic players and wants them changed for regional players, once again attacking the ethnics.

He's got a short memory, how many times has he been to Melita Stadium while he was NSW Premier to get ethnic votes?

Charles Dingli, Toongabbie, NSW.

Stop it Brock!

Dear Sir,

When is sport, sport and politics, politics, this is the superior football paper in Australia, yet once again Mickey Brock has spoilt it for me.

I buy ABSW every week to read about NSL State League news plus all the overseas results yet I'm bombarded on page 28, of the September 12 edition, with the same drivel that I hear every morning in King Street, Newtown about stop this and stop that.

This is a football paper, Mr Brock, not the international socialist or green newspaper. I certainly don't mind if you or everyone attempts to stop the bomb but can you please leave this issue out of the one thing I read which until very recently was free of this particular topic.

Cheers.

Heath Avery, Newtown NSW.

It's over - Vella plays his last card



The final resistance to starting a revamped national soccer league petered out in the Federal Court last Friday with Soccer Australia winning the right to kick off its new-style competition on October 6.

Axed clubs Melbourne S C and Heidelberg gave up the battle to be reinstated when a Federal Court ruling went against them earlier in the week. The row ended when Parramatta Eagles lost its fight to block the league starting.

Although the Federal Court, sitting in Melbourne on Wednesday, lifted an injunction that prevented the promotion of the league the Eagles last Friday applied for a further

interim injunction to halt the competition's kick-off.

However the application, which was based on a claim that a vote to revamp the competition was flawed, was dismissed in the Federal Court sitting in Sydney.

The Eagles, Heidelberg and Melbourne SC were all axed from competition while Canberra and Newcastle, were admitted into a 12-team league.

Mr Justice Whitlam made last Friday's ruling after Eagles president Sam Vella, representing the club in court without a lawyer, decided to withdraw the application after talks during a brief adjournment.

It was the last hurdle in a lengthy legal battle which has cost the three clubs a small fortune and has prevented the other clubs

from transferring players.

The outcome also secures major sponsorship deals which are conditional on the league launch on October 6.

Soccer Australia (SA) chairman David Hill welcomed the end of the legal fight.

"We now have the green light to press on with the new SA 'A-League' which will provide Australia with the highest quality national competition," Hill said.

Soccer Australia moved last week to dissolve the original injunction preventing it from starting the league after stakeholders narrowly voted to amend the constitution to allow the axing of the clubs.

Neither of the two Melbourne clubs objected to the move in the Melbourne Federal Court last Wednesday and the

Eagles were left to carry on the fight.

The Eagles based their argument, for a further injunction, on a claim that the vote at the stakeholders meeting had been flawed.

Because of discrepancies in the fractional votes of the first round it was decided to call for a fresh ballot with the numbers rounded off.

Vella said there was no need to call a second vote, which had been passed 46-14 with the required 75 per cent majority.

But counsel for Soccer Australia Jeff Sher QC told the court that according to sworn affidavits from 17 people who were present at the meeting, Vella had been the person who moved for the second vote.

According to Sher, Vella's account of the meeting given in his affidavit was contradictory,

and failed to mention that he had moved for the second vote.

"It's a tissue of lies," he said.

Vella told the court he was acting without legal counsel after his lawyer withdrew.

He said that after meeting the 15-member Eagles board and talks between the two sides Thursday and early Friday morning, he had decided that he had to act in the best interests of the game.

"I came here today to withdraw — we are prepared to discuss about making an agreement," Vella said.

"It's for the good of the game. I have been a good servant to the game all my life."

Mr Justice Whitlam dismissed the case on consent and awarded costs to Soccer Australia.

Sam Vella: "It's for the good of the game".



IAN GRAY (245 games for Marconi) and TOMMY McCULLOCH (Club record of 246 games for Marconi) proudly displaying their presentations.



MR BRESCIA with former Marconi player and coach, BERTI MARIANI (148 games for Marconi).



PETER SHARNE (176 games for Marconi) receiving his award from Mr TONY BRESCIA, managing director of Brescia Furniture, Marconi's major sponsor.



Former Marconi player, ROBBIE WHEATLEY acting as M.C. at the luncheon, seen here with RAY RICHARDS (141 games and another member of the Marconi's 'Elite Eight'.

Marconi salute 'Elite Eight'

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

At a special luncheon staged by Club Marconi last week to acknowledge their multitude of Soccer sponsors, the Club simultaneously grasped the opportunity to make special presentations to eight of their former players.

Each of the eight (most with international experience) had given

the Club no less than 10 consecutive years of loyal service.

The 'elite eight' who were presented with special awards to mark the occasion were Peter Sharne, Tony Henderson, Steve Calderan, Tommy McCulloch, Ray Richards, Paul Degney, Berti Mariani and Ian Gray.

Mr Frank Labbozzetta, Marconi's Soccer administrator,

organised the full sponsorships involved with this luncheon, whilst former Marconi international defender, Robbie Wheatley acted as M.C. for the day.

Included on the guest-list as well as all Marconi sponsors, were members of the media, and the colourful character of former 1974 World Cup striker and currently coach of Illawarra League



champions, Port Kembla, Adrian Alston.

BERTI MARIANI

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1974 to 1982 and 1984 - 10 Seasons
19 Games - 1 Goal, in NSW Federation Division 1
129 Games - 21 Goals, in National Soccer League
TOTAL - 148 Games - 22 Goals
MARCONI DEBUT - Season 1974 in NSW Federation Div 1
HONOURS - NSL CHAMPIONSHIP 1979
NSL CUP 1980
MARCONI COACHING CAREER - 1988 to 1991/92 - 5 Seasons
HONOURS - NSW CHAMPIONSHIP 1988 and 1989

RAY RICHARDS

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1969 to 1978 - 10 SEASONS
141 Games - 42 Goals, in NSW Federation Division 1
35 Games - 5 Goals, in National Soccer League
TOTAL - 176 Games - 47 Goals
MARCONI DEBUT - Season 1969 in NSW Federation Div 2
HONOURS - NSW Div 2 Champions 1969
NSW Div 1 GRAND FINAL WINNERS - 1972 and 1973
MARCONI COACHING CAREER - Player Coach 1975
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS
60 Appearances for Australia - 10 Goals (1967 to 1975)
3 World Cup Finals Appearances - West Germany, 1974

PETER SHARNE

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1975 to 1981)

1984 to 1985) 10 SEASONS and 1988)
MARCONI DEBUT - 25 April 1975 vs Granville in NSW Div 1
15 Games - 4 Goals, in NSW Federation Division 1
176 Games - 47 Goals, in National Soccer League
TOTAL - 191 Games - 51 Goals
HONOURS - NSL CHAMPIONSHIP 1979
NSL CUP 1980
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS
39 Appearances for Australia - 10 Goals (1977 to 1981)

PAUL DEGNEY

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1972 to 1983 - 12 SEASONS
60 Games - 4 Goals, in NSW Federation Division 1
136 Games - 3 Goals, in National Soccer League
TOTAL - 196 Games - 7 Goals
MARCONI DEBUT - Season 1972 in NSW Federation Div 1
HONOURS:
NSW Div 1 GRAND FINAL WINNERS - 1972 and 1973
NSL CHAMPIONS - 1979
NSL CUP WINNERS - 1980
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS
4 Appearances for Australia (1979 - 1980)

STEVE CALDERAN

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1981 to 1992/93 - 13 SEASONS
230 Games - 8 Goals in National Soccer League
MARCONI DEBUT - 19 April 1981 vs Heidelberg
HONOURS:
NSL CHAMPIONS - 1988 and 1989
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:
5 Appearances for Australia (1981 to 1989)

TONY HENDERSON

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1979 to 1988 - 10 SEASONS
243 Games - 16 Goals in National Soccer League
MARCONI DEBUT - 11 March 1979 vs Canberra City
HONOURS:
NSL CHAMPIONS - 1979, 1988 and 1989
NSL CUP WINNERS - 1980
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 51 Appearances - 6 Goals for Australia (1979 - 1984) Former Captain of Australia.

IAN GRAY

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1985 to 1994/95 - 11 Seasons
MARCONI DEBUT - 24 March 1985 vs St George
245 Games - 41 Goals
HONOURS - NSL CHAMPIONSHIP 1988, 1989 and 1992/93
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS
35 Appearances - 6 Goals for Australia (1984 to 1992)

TOMMY McCULLOCH

MARCONI PLAYING CAREER - 1982 to 1984) 12 Seasons 1987 to 1994/95)
MARCONI DEBUT - 21 February 1982 vs Brisbane City
246 Games (CLUB RECORD) - 42 Goals for Marconi
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QUEENSLAND GOLD TO WYNNUM CAPTAIN

Wynnum captain Tony McKinless last week became the first southern Brisbane bayside player to win the Clem Jones Gold Medal for the best and fairest player in the Queensland Soccer League.

McKinless polled 22 votes while the Pine Rivers veteran Frank Pimblett polled 21 to narrowly miss out on his third gold medal.

Two other previous winners came in third and fourth, Brisbane City's Stephen Glockner on 20 votes and North Brisbane's John Stewart on 19.

Rosedale's Andy Lees made up the top five with 18 votes.

McKinless became the first Wynnum player to win the award and the inaugural winner of the Clem Jones Gold Medal, named after the former Brisbane Lord Mayor and Queensland soccer stalwart.

The win was some consolation for McKinless who narrowly missed guiding his side to its first finals berth.

BLACKTOWN CITY ENTER NEW VENTURES

BY BOB BROOKS

Blacktown City Demons will field teams in two newly-formed competitions starting in October.

The National Soccer League (NSL), Youth League North will be run by the NSW Soccer Federation on behalf of Soccer Australia during the coming months.

Blacktown City will be playing in this Under 19 competition to be known as The Les Scheinflug Cup. Four over-age players will be permitted in each game. Successful U/18's coach Allan Grant will have charge of the team. Their 'home' games will be played at Valentine Park, Meaurants Lane, Glenwood (formerly Parklea). This is the headquarters of NSW Soccer. In addition to three floodlit pitches, two with tiered seating, there is excellent multi-storey accommodation blocks, a large car park, a canteen, offices and a gymnasium.

It is in the gym that the Demons second new venture takes place. The Demons have a low-cost franchise in the National Futsal League. Eight teams will compete. Entrants come from Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Wollongong and Sydney. The NFL will be shown on Pay-TV giving potential sponsors growing national exposure.

Male and female teams will be wearing Blacktown's colours kicking off on October 14. Senior coach is Jim McGaw.

The National Futsal Cup offers the opportunity for two further teams from Blacktown to enter indoor football. These teams will play teams only from within NSW.



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Victoria 5 bt Western Australia 0.
Queensland 3 bt NSW Country 0.

W.A. CHOOSE NEW LEADER

The Western Australia Professional Soccer Federation clubs have elected long serving soccer administrator Peter Dimopoulos as their new President following a meeting last Wednesday. Dimopoulos clinched the post by 13 votes (21-8) from ex-President Frank Schaper who was the only other nominee, and has already promised to look at a reshaping of the three Saturday leagues, as well as making a concerted effort with sponsorship.

It is reported he will be proposing to move the first division to a summer time slot in line with Perth's new National Soccer League team, and maintain the second and third divisions as a winter competition.

There were only two applicants for the two vacant independent positions — former Amateurs Director Alex Vaglivello, and Anthony Macri, but they withdrew their nominations when Schaper missed out on the presidency. Dimopoulos, who emigrated from Greece at the age of thirteen 57 years ago, has served as senior coach to Floreat Athena, Spearwood Dalmatinac and Kingsway Olympic and was also president of the WA Womens Soccer Association for ten years from 1975.

He succeeds Dave Schrandt who quit three months ago when faced with the threat of a breakaway league by some of the first division clubs.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BY RICHARD KREIDER

Top 4 set for showdown

Stirling Macedonia remain well in the hunt for a hat-trick of trophies for the second consecutive season following a 2-0 triumph over Spearwood Dalmatinac in the Top-4 Cup preliminary final at Bayswater Oval last Sunday.

A goal in each half assured the Lions of a Finals berth, and another meeting with rivals Inglewood Falcons who defeated them in last week's qualifying semi.

It was a victory that appeared never in doubt since the Spearwood club continually struggled to crack open the Stirling rearguard, and contain their powerful frontline.

Ian Cornthwaite smacked a drive onto the crossbar in the 6th minute and Steve Bourne sent a shot just over the top two minutes later but it was a penalty that gave the Lions the lead in the 38th minute after Craig Rourke brought down Paul Lincoln.

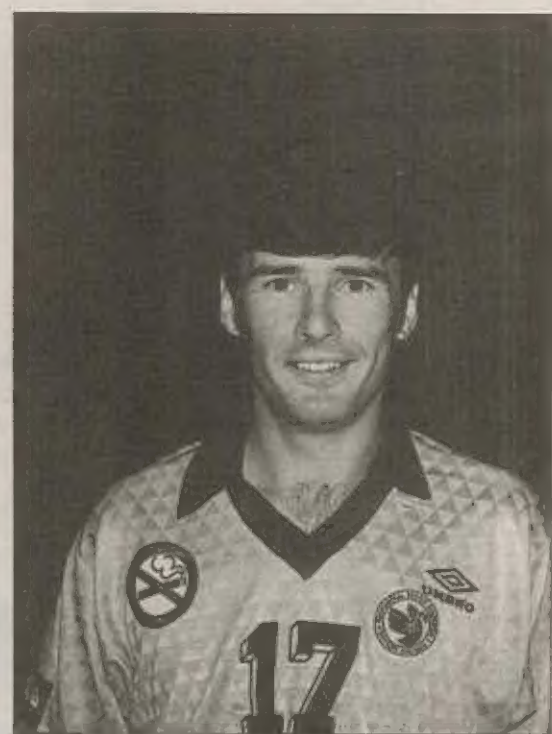
Macies skipper Paul McVittie made easy work of slotting the ball past the imposing figure of

Robbie Zabica.

The former Socceroo kept his side in the match four minutes later with a breathtaking save to deny a Cornthwaite rising missile from twelve metres.

But Macedonia extended their advantage in the 75th minute after Zabica blocked a Bourne shot with his legs. From the rebound Lincoln swiftly took advantage of the spoils.

Dalmatinac were given an opportunity to reduce the deficit five minutes further on when Alex Cummings brought down Gerry Christie in the box, but Rourke's opportunity to redeem himself after conceding the first-half penalty failed miserably, when he directed the spot-kick well wide of Rob Pucovski's goal.



Paul McVittie: Made easy work of his goal

MILLER RETURNS TO MORWELL

National Soccer League club Morwell Falcons have continued their extensive buying spree by snapping up Perth SC and state midfield star Scott Miller for a bargain \$5000, despite the 23 year old only signing a one year contract which leaves him available for the Perth team that is due to enter the A-League in 1996. Miller was on loan with the Morwell club last season together with Perth 'keeper Vince Matassa who is currently trialling with Leeds United.

Meanwhile, Scott's father Jimmy Miller, has been given another year at the helm of Spearwood Dalmatinac. The Club is pleased to discover that ex-Socceroo goalkeeper Robbie Zabica has been relieved of any ties to his former club Adelaide City.

The Zebras are more than happy with former Spearwood 'keeper Jason Petkovic who is about to begin his second season at the Adelaide club.

Michael Petkovic, Jason's younger brother, an equally gifted goalie, looks set to join Marconi following successful trials with the club last season. The 19 year old former Perth Kangaroo has been Zabica's understudy at Spearwood all season.

ARENA AND PSF PLAYER DISPUTE CONTINUES

Arena Investments, the consortium selected to place a Perth team in the National Soccer League in season 1996, have made it clear that they will go it alone with the player secondment processes if the clubs of the Professional Soccer Federation do not co-operate. "We have told the clubs that we have the option of going 'solo', but clearly it is not what we are wanting to do" said Arena chairman Nick Tana in a radio interview. "I do not believe the clubs should stand in the way of the soccer public in WA, but if they don't accommodate what we are required to do, then we will go directly to the players and purchase them outright. It is not just players who will lose out, it is the spectators who will suffer the most", he said.

Arena are hoping to engage a coach mid-October, then the player selection will begin immediately. As yet, there has been no announcement made of a playing venue, although the ideally situated Lake Monger Velodrome, Dorrien Gardens and Macedonia Park are believed to be the main contenders.

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BLACKTOWN CITY

Brockbank takes top award



Blacktown City skipper Andrew Brockbank.

BY BOB BROOKS

The 1995 Blacktown City Demons Presentation Night took place on Saturday 23 September in the Club Auditorium (the Wembley Room).

Andrew Brockbank was awarded the Player of the Year in first grade.

Brockbank, in his acceptance speech, paid a special tribute to Coach Ken Schembri. It was Schembri who had faith in the ability of Brockbank to continue at beginning of the season when many people at the Club were doubters.

The well-respected Club Captain said, "Despite my age I never felt that my fellow players had to carry me during the season".

In his retirement-from-coaching-speech, Ken Schembri said, "I value the friendships forged and kept going as the most important part of my ten years of coaching at the Club".

Schembri evolved from four years of coaching in Youth League to the Super League lower grades before enjoying the last four years as Club and first grade coach.

Other winners were U/21 Player of the Year Nathan Tring. This adds to Tring's win in the NSW Super League trophy of the same name. A worthy double.

The Under 21 team was adjudged the Team of the Year in which they were guided by Norm Boardman. U/18 Brendan Silema, Ladies Firsts Kerry Taylor, Reserves Tracey Spagnol were the other award recipients.

Why it is necessary to have a 'planned' league

BY HENRY WIZGIER

Many people have criticised the 'planning' of the new national league, the A-League.

They point at Europe where in most countries, clubs are automatically promoted and relegated.

But, they overlook the fact that these are long-established, fully-professional leagues which stand on a solid base of semi-professionalism.

Furthermore, the clubs have an easier time of it than they do here.

There is no country in Europe where Association Football isn't the number one game.

Even in the tiny principality of Wales where rugby is very big, they still manage to support three fully-professional soccer clubs.

Personally I don't know of any cases in the whole of Europe where a club has had to drop out of a National League during or even before the season has begun, through financial difficulties.

This of course happened here with Newcastle Breakers before the 94-95 edition even kicked off.

Yet, despite this, Soccer Australia has decided to give the Breakers and an outfit called Canberra Cosmos a 'leg-up' into the new national league.

Consequently we are about to see a nicely balanced league with three clubs from Sydney, two from Melbourne, two from Adelaide and one from Brisbane. One from Victoria's Latrobe Valley and three from medium-sized provincial centres in eastern Australia.

All nice and neat and

rather artificial but unfortunately — necessary!

Why? Because, if you were to let nature take its course and leave it all up to automatic promotion and relegation, you would inevitably end up with the following scenario.

Within a few seasons we would see a national league made up entirely of clubs from Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Left to their own devices, Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong, and even Brisbane would not stand a chance.

As for ever seeing a club from Perth — forget it! How do I know this? It's common sense and logical, because Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide each have more than one National League club already within their boundaries.

Which means footballers will head for these centres like moths head for lights.

For example, given a choice, any talented player will choose one of the three big centres because, if he fails with his chosen club and they decide to get rid of him, he still has the alternative of going to another club within that city.

He doesn't have to uproot his family, sell his home and leave his job.

Whereas that is precisely what he would have to do if his career did not work out in a 'mono-club' city like Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong or Canberra. It will take a very brave or foolish footballer to take his family out to Perth knowing that if the coach doesn't like his face, he has to travel all the way back east again — if he wants to stay in the game.

When we have a fully-professional league in

Australia then we can start talking about automatic promotion and relegation.

A player will be more prepared to head out to Perth (or Brisbane) with a proper contract which, if he has a decent solicitor, will ensure that he is well-compensated if things do not work out.

Lance Librandi's letter (19 September edition), when looked at closely, really confirms my point.

He suggests two national divisions of ten teams in each, with automatic promotion and relegation. His 'A' League would be made up of the following teams.

Sydney Area: United, Marconi and Wollongong.

Melbourne Area: Knight's, Souths and Morwell.

Adelaide: City and West.

The remaining two berths he gives to Brisbane Breakers and Perth!

At the end of the first season, it wouldn't be unexpected to see the last two relegated and if for example, Melbourne Zebras and Sydney Olympic won the promotion spots in Division two — we would very soon have that 'A' League of Sydney/Melbourne/Adelaide clubs.

If this were a soccer country, you could just let things develop naturally.

Sports clubs from medium-sized regional centres usually do well when their citizens get behind them — just look at the Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle rugby league clubs.

On the other hand Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle soccer clubs get very little from their own citizens and will always struggle if left to their own

devices.

If you want to see something which resembles a true national league, in this oval-ball dominated society, it has to be planned.

The alternative could lead to a total concentration of not only talent and success but also interest.

As for the real 'A' League, the good doctor Peter Bayliss has spotted the symptoms and diagnosed its first disease, even before its been born.

Furthermore he's already prescribed the medicine. This man should be nominated for the Nobel Prize immediately!

Joking apart he is of

course quite right! Playing three rounds is going to give some teams an unfair advantage.

In every 'pairing', one club is going to play two matches at home and only one away.

I think his solution to this, by splitting the 'A' League into two — Northern and Southern Divisions is the perfect answer. Our governing bodies are not noted for listening to the voices from the grass-roots but in this case David Hill, having just scrambled out of one cesspit, would be well advised to look carefully where he treads next.

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Ned Zelic has more knee surgery in London

Socceroo Ned Zelic's frustrating start to a career in the English Premier League must wait at least another four weeks after he underwent knee surgery in London last week.

Zelic (left) has played less than 30 minutes for Queens Park Rangers (in a pre season match) after becoming the club's record signing when he joined from German club Borussia Dortmund for \$A2.66 million.

A summer of drought turned the normally lush and cushioned English pitches rock hard, aggravating the midfielder's chronic knee problems.

"I should be back in four

to five weeks. I'll be able to start light running in 10 days or so," Zelic said.

"It's definitely been frustrating, but that's the way it goes. It's been really disappointing and has left me feeling a bit depressed and I'm just keen now to get back into it. I hope this is the start of something new."

Zelic had some of the meniscus taken from his left knee, which exploratory surgery found was causing constant swelling. The QPR training ground in Ealing, west London, is particularly hard and after one training session the knee was severely swollen.

After weeks battling the swelling with little progress, Zelic decided then it was time

for more surgery following two cartilage operations in the last two years.

"That ground is really hard, and when there was all that swelling, I knew something was not right, so I thought it was best to have it looked at. I'm glad the doctor has fixed it up, he said it should be okay now," he said.

QPR had a dreadful start to the season, with only one goal from one win in the first four matches leaving it third last on the table. A recent 3-1 win at in-form Leeds United gave the club a much needed boost.

Zelic said his goal was to be back for QPR's match against Nottingham Forest on October 28.



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ABSW REMEMBERS...

Football in 1945

BY BOB BROOKS

At the end of the Second World War in 1945, men and women were often very far from their homeland. This had a dramatic effect on competitions in Europe, regarded then as offering the best of football.

Thousands of servicemen and women from Australia were in Europe with army, navy and airforce units, others were being released from Prisoner of War camps not only in Europe but in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan.

British troops, seamen and airmen were in the Pacific having been deployed to defeat the Japanese.

Many members of the armed forces continued to serve in Japan and Germany as occupying powers.

The sheer size of the logistical task associated with transporting all these people

back to their homelands was huge.

In Britain football grounds had been bombed by German aircraft. Most notable was Old Trafford home of Manchester United however many others were unusable in 1945.

Very few of the grounds had been maintained during the six years of conflict and were in a poor state of repair. Some had even been used as storage depots for military equipment.

Consequently official football did not resume in Britain until August 1946.

Games were played with Northern, Midlands and Southern divisions to minimise travel requirements.

Amazingly numbering of players had been introduced in Britain in 1939. It was therefore a strange phenomena in the 1946-47

season for the fans to see their favourite player wearing a number on his back.

During 1944 a delegation of representatives of the four 'home' countries i.e. England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland approached the Board of Trade for an allocation of clothing coupons. These coupons were then given to the senior clubs in those four countries for them to be able to purchase shirts, shorts, socks, boots, balls and other essentials of pieces of equipment.

Clothing coupons were issued to all residents of Britain during the War. They were used for the purchase of shoes, shirts, trousers, skirts, dresses and only allowed people to buy minimal quantities of clothes.

Food and petrol were among other commodities

severely rationed.

In the Midlands Wartime Cup Final of 1944, played over two legs, West Bromwich Albion won 6-5 over Nottingham Forest. The score after extra time was 3-3 making the aggregate 5-5. Additional time was played, Albion's Ike Clarke scoring 'the golden goal' after 9 minutes.

During the War years the average attendance was around the 9000 mark at the Hawthornes, home of the Albion. Contrast that with nearly 20,000 a game in the 1945/46 season which followed the same arrangements exactly as the previous six years.

Albion had two players killed in World War Two. Six other players were also seriously wounded.

England players pay was sanctioned by the football League to be 30 shillings a match for seasons 1939-40 to 1942-43. In 1945-46 it has reached 4 pounds.

Contrast that to Reg Date playing for Canterbury in Sydney who was handsomely rewarded with 50 pounds a week.

Fourty-eight players represented West Brom in 1942-43.

It makes one wonder how clubs arranged registrations in those dark days. Guest players were allowed — non-registered — but probably posted temporarily with their service unit near to the club. For example Albion used 42 guest players between 1939 and 1946.



Frank Hodgetts (left) and Ike Clark were stars in Albion's 6-5 War Time Cup Final win over Forest.



The Albion team v Cardiff — 30/8/41.

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This (see right) was the first day of the new season. The SCG Number 2, Lidcombe Oval, Redfern Oval, Balls Paddock at Bulli were some of the grounds used in the Southern Division.

Speers Point, Belmont Oval, Crystal Palace, Cessnock Sports Ground were in use in the Newcastle area.

Challenge games were played during the season between teams from the two divisions. The one-way journey took up to seven hours between Newcastle and the South Coast near Wollongong. They were very keen in those days.

In the Canterbury team, resplendent in their Black and Gold colours, was Reg Date. Date went on to score 197 in only three seasons with Canterbury.

Alf Quill wore the Red colours of Wallsend. Quill finished his career with over 800 goals.

Ken Grieves was Leichhardt-Annandale's goalie. This was before he left Australia to settle in Lancashire, England where

The New South Wales Soccer Football Association Northern Division fixtures for April 7 produced the following results:

Western	3	Adamstown	3
Wallsend	7	Kurri Kurri	0
Lake Macquarie	4	Cessnock	0
Swansea-Belmont	5	West Wallsend	5

On the same date in the Southern Division these were the results:

Metters	3	Canterbury Bankstown	3
North Shore	3	H.M.S. Golden Hind	6
Corrimal	4	Leichhardt-Annandale	0
Granville, Woonona-Bulli — (result not available)			

he played many seasons of cricket for his adopted country side.

L.M.M. Quested (Len) played under the White and Blue of H.M.S. Golden Hind. The British Pacific Fleet in 1945 consisted of 600 ships. The Royal Navy had a depot at Warwick Farm which was called H.M.S. Golden Hind.

Len Quested later played first Division football in England for Sheffield Wednesday while Joe Marston was just starting his career with Leichhardt-Annandale.

Marston quickly made his mark and was one of the first soccer exports from Australia to England. He played in the Preston North

End Cup Final Team of 1949 against West Bromwich Albion. Unfortunately Joe was on the losing side by 3 goals to 1.

The NSW State Cup was due to kick off on the 7th July with Round One being zoned. Within the two divisions, teams were to play each other.

There was a hope that the actual cup would be the Gardiner Cup which had last been played for in 1928. This Cup first came into play in 1888. However difficulties were experienced in 1945 because the Gardiner Cup was only for competition between amateur teams.

An interesting quote from 'The (Sydney) Sun' of May



Reg Date: Prolific goalscorer with Canterbury.

15th is as follows: 'State Soccer League Secretary (Mr. D. McLaren) announced that before the start of the Golden Hind versus Canterbury match he would assemble the players and explain the rules.

It would be better to give the Golden Hind team a copy of the Referees' Chart

and Players Guide to the laws of the game.

Other visiting Soccer teams have not found our interpretation of the laws contrary to their own. It appears that Golden Hind are determined to dispute the referees rulings.'

Heady days indeed in 1945.

1945 TABLES

NORTHERN — MID JUNE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adamstown	10	6	3	2	27	17	15
Swansea-Belmont	10	6	2	2	37	26	14
Cessnock	10	5	2	3	32	24	13
Wallsend	10	5	2	3	27	17	12
L. Macquarie	10	3	2	5	24	22	8
Kurri-Kurri	10	2	2	6	11	31	7
W. Wallsend	10	1	4	5	16	24	6
Weston	10	2	2	6	12	25	6

(Obviously there was some 'small' difficulty with mathematics!)

SOUTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canterbury	10	8	2	0	56	17	18
Corrimal	10	7	0	3	30	19	14
Metters	10	5	3	2	41	19	13
Granville	10	6	0	4	37	40	12
Woonona-Bulli	10	5	1	4	50	33	11
H.M.S. Golden Hind	10	3	0	7	32	46	6
Leichhardt-Annandale	10	2	1	7	23	38	5
North Shore	10	0	1	9	18	75	1

(An improvement but the Goals For doesn't balance with the Against column!)

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PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gr. Gully Cvil.	26	20	2	4	60	26	62
Sun. Georgies	25	15	5	5	57	23	50
Bulleen Lions	23	13	5	5	48	29	44
Fawkner Blues	25	13	4	8	53	48	43
Preston Lions	22	14	0	8	62	36	42
St Alb. Saints	24	10	8	6	41	36	38
Altona Magic	26	11	4	11	46	42	37
Pt Melb. Sharks	26	9	5	12	35	43	32
Werribee Bees	26	8	7	11	40	43	31
Spr. City Vales	26	7	8	11	44	42	29
Don'ter Rovers	25	7	6	12	45	42	27
Box Hill Inter	25	7	5	13	43	52	26
Nt. Geel. Warrior	26	6	5	15	36	61	23

STATE ONE FIRSTS

Bent. Greens	26	16	7	3	60	28	55
Thomas. Devils	26	15	6	5	50	37	51
Lalor United	26	12	8	6	38	31	44
Clarinda	26	12	6	8	42	32	42
Westgate	26	10	8	8	44	39	38
West. Suburbs	26	10	8	8	25	24	35
Croydon City	26	10	7	9	40	40	34
Richmond	26	9	7	10	36	41	34
Northcote City	26	6	13	7	32	31	28
Broadmeadows	26	7	7	12	39	39	28
Caulfield City	26	7	7	12	36	45	28
Frank. Pines	26	5	8	13	32	43	23
Oakleigh	26	6	5	15	29	51	23
Knox City	26	5	7	14	28	50	22

STATE ONE RESERVES

Richmond	26	16	5	5	72	41	53
Bent. Greens	26	13	8	5	51	30	47
Th'town Devils	26	13	7	6	48	33	46
Oakleigh	26	13	6	7	51	36	45
Broadmeadows	26	11	5	10	42	50	38
Lalor Utd	26	10	7	9	42	33	37
Frank. Pines	26	10	7	9	45	38	37
Knox City	26	9	9	8	42	36	36
Northcote City	26	11	6	9	42	42	36
Clarinda	26	8	7	11	34	38	31
Caulfield City	26	7	9	10	53	49	30
Westgate	26	8	4	14	41	65	28
West. Suburbs	26	6	4	16	36	59	19
Croydon City	26	3	4	19	19	68	10

STATE TWO FIRSTS

Sp. White Eagles	26	18	5	3	56	29	59
Moorabbin City	26	16	7	3	44	15	55
Ess. Brun. Royals	26	16	4	6	67	41	51
Waverley City	26	13	9	4	51	28	48
Regent Bulla	26	10	8	8	48	40	38
Bell Park	26	10	6	10	32	38	36
East Richmond	26	9	8	9	28	31	35
Nunawading City	26	8	7	11	32	44	31
Altona East	26	8	6	12	44	33	30
Mooroolbark	25	6	8	11	24	39	26
Chelsea	25	7	4	14	26	38	25
Altona City	26	6	6	14	27	52	24
Ringwood City	26	6	5	15	28	46	23
Clifton Hill	26	3	5	18	27	60	14

STATE TWO RESERVES

Moorabbin City	26	19	5	2	95	26	62
Waverley City	26	18	3	5	77	26	57
Regent Bulla	26	16	4	6	92	38	52
Altona City	26	15	6	5	63	37	51
Sp. White Eagles	26	15	6	5	51	26	51
Ess. Brun. Royals	26	10	8	8	45	26	35
Ringwood City	26	11	1	14	50	66	34
Clifton Hill	26	9	6	11	33	39	33
Mooroolbark	26	9	3	14	47	57	30

Altona East	26	8	6	12	32	62	30
Nunawading City	26	8	3	15	27	52	27
Bell Park	26	7	1	18	31	71	22
East Richmond	26	4	5	17	29	72	17
Chelsea	26	2	5	19	17	91	11

STATE THREE FIRSTS

Westvale	26	18	5	3	77	28	59
Sth Dandenong	26	17	5	4	76	31	56
Frankston	26	15	3	8	71	39	48
Melb. City	26	15	3	8	39	29	48
Sth Werribee	26	13	4	9	46	43	43
Elt Dia Valley	26	12	6	8	42	34	42
Sth Caulfield	26	13	2	11	38	39	41
Pascoe Vale	26	9	4	13	41	43	31
Banyule	26	10	1	15	46	64	31
Fitzroy City	26	9	3	14	28	47	30
Keilor Eagles	26	7	8	11	28	38	29
Seaford Utd	26	8	4	14	41	61	28
Sunbury Utd	26	6	4	16	28	52	22
Sandringham	26	1	6	19	20	73	6

STATE THREE RESERVES

Westvale	26	21	3	2	75	20	66
Frankston	26	17	2	7	91	31	53
Pascoe Vale	26	16	2	8	60	39	50
Keilor Eagles	26	14	6	6	47	29	48
Seaford Utd	26	14	5	7	51	27	47
Melb. City	26	12	2	12	41	47	38
Elt. Dia. Valley	26	8	8	10	43	47	32
Sth Dandenong	25	8	7	10	39	56	31
Sth Caulfield	26	7	9	10	31	47	30
Sandringham	26	8	8	10	39	36	29
Banyule City	25	7	5	13	41	54	26
Sth Werribee	26	7	3	16	46	76	24
Sunbury Utd	26	5	5	16	38	62	20
Fitzroy City	26	1	7	18	16	87	10

STATE FOUR FIRSTS

Sth Springvale	26	18	3	5	54	24	57
Cranbourne	26	15	10	1	54	21	55
Geelong	26	14	9	3	58	28	51
Monbulk	26	12	8	6	40	27	44
Stonnington	26	12	6	8	45	36	42
Yarraville	26	11	5	10	35	26	38
Sun. Heights	26	11	7	8	39	31	37
Langwarrin	26	11	4	11	46	46	37
Williamstown	26	11	3	12	22	40	36
Nth Coburg Utd	26	8	10	8	36	29	34
Corio	26	6	9	11	30	58	27
Sth Wantima	26	8	0	18	37	57	24
Doveton	26	3	9	14	29	58	18
Bye (ex Bri'ton)	26	0	1	25	4	48	1

STATE FOUR RESERVES

Cranbourne	26	21	2	3	69	26	65
Langwarrin	26	19	3	4	84	29	60
Monbulk	26	15	6	5	48	30	51
Sth Wantima	26	13	9	4	45	23	48
Yarraville	26	13	4	9	48	37	43
Williamstown	26	12	4	10	63	52	40
S'shine Heights	26	11	7	8	63	44	37
Geelong	26	9	8	9	53	44	35
Stonnington	26	10	4	12	50	55	34
Sth Springvale	26	8	4	14	40	46	28
Doveton	26	5	5	16	34	81	20
Nth Coburg Utd	26	5	3	18	34	88	18
Corio	26	4	5	17	21	78	17
Bye (ex. Bri'ton)	26	4	2	20	30	49	14

PROVISIONAL ONE FIRSTS

Moreland City	26	22	1	3	66	18	67
Lalor	26	15	7	4	57	37	52
Old Scotch/Hawt	26	14	8	4	49	27	50
Spring. Condors	26	12	8	6	49	31	44

Nth Sunshine	26	12	3	11	50	42	39
Melton	26	9	11	6	35	27	38
Mitcham Utd	26	9	7	10	40	43	34
Knox Park	26	9	5	12	39	50	32
Geel. Rangers	26	8	5	13	38	46	29
Heidelberg City	26	7	5	14	36	49	26
Ballarat	26	6	7	13	34	46	25
Glenroy	26	6	6	14	38	58	24
Dandenong	26	7	5	14	33	59	23
Brandon Park	26	4	6	16	23	54	18

PROVISIONAL ONE RESERVES

Moreland City	26	20	3	3	87	21	63
Old Scotch/Hawt	26	18	5	3	75	25	59
Mitcham Utd	26	18	3	5	73	24	57
Sp'vale Condors	26	14	7	5	71	20	49
Ballarat	26	15	4	7	39	27	49
Knox Park	26	13	4	9	56	36	43
Melton	26	12	5	9	30	28	41
Glenroy	26	9	4	13	61	64	31
Lalor	26	8	3	15	43	73	27
Geelong Rangers	26	7	4	15	44	68	25
Nth. Sunshine	26	6	3	17	32	65	21
Brandon Park	26	5	5	16	32	87	20
Heidelberg City	26	3	9	14	27	58	18
Dandenong	26	1	7	18	14	88	7

PROVISIONAL TWO FIRSTS

Keysborough	26	16	4	6	64	32	52
Mornington	26	16	4	6	44	20	52
Nth Glenroy	26	15	5	6	68	41	50
Meadow Park	26	12	7	7	60	40	43
Lyndale United	26	13	4	9	49	37	43
Brunswick City	26	10	7	9	30	37	37
Hoppers Cr'sing	26	10	8	8	46	37	35
South Yarra	26	10	3	13	32	44	33
Braeside Utd	26	9	4	13	41	51	31
Hampton Pk Utd	26	9	4	13	32	54	31
East Nun. Eagles	26	7	9	10	39	46	30
Berwick City	26	7	4	15	31	58	25
Broadmeadow Utd	26	6	6	14	36	56	24
Monash Uni.	26	4	7	15	31	50	19

PROVISIONAL TWO RESERVES

Brunswick City	26	19	5	2	74	32	62
Sth Yarra	26	17	5	4	64	30	56
Lyndale Utd	26	16	4	6	69	36	52
Hopp. Crossing	26	16	3	7	63	33	48
Nth Glenroy	26	14	4	8	65	26	46
Mornington	26	14	2	10	64	43	44
Meadow Park	26	9	10	7	49	41	37
Berwick City	26	9	6	11	42	52	33
Hampton Park	26	9	5	12	53	49	32
Braeside Utd	26	6	9	11	33	62	27
Br'meadows Utd	26	7	5	14	37	66	26
East Nun. Eagles	26	5	4	17	40	78	19
Keysborough	26	4	3	19	34	81	15
Monash Uni.	26	3	3	20	28	86	1

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A Special Touch

BY GREG BLAKE

Premier League Grand Final day 1995 will be recalled as the afternoon on which Altona Magic finally turned potential into greatness.

On a balmy spring Melbourne Sunday the mighty Magic from Paisley Park produced an audacious double comeback to edge gallant Bulleen in the biggest game of the year.

Magic's magnificent 3-2 triumph in the best grand final yet was significant for so many reasons, not the least being that it was the very first to be played at famous old Olympic Park.

The comeback itself was a beauty, Altona down 1-0 and then 2-1 nearly an hour into the game before the most rousing turn-around in finals history.

Bulleen played its part as well, the Lions showing courage and class in what was a record-breaking run from the elimination final before running out of gas in the extra time classic.

As well, Bulleen's Dale White equalled an individual grand final record with his side's only two goals.

However, they were not enough in the end as destiny called Ian Dobson's



Grand Final MVP
Chris Emsovski
gets a lift from
his teammates.



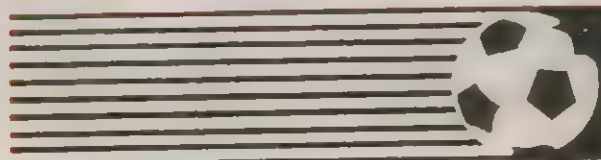
Grand Final referee
Eugene Brazzale walks on
Magic's Ivo Kutlesovski,
who was down but not
out in the big match.



Tom Markovski
edges Peter Di Iorio
in this duel.



Zdravko
Atanasovski
stretches to
beat Bulleen's
Tom Sonsini.



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Of Magic

Our pictorial tribute to the 1995
Victorian Premier League Grand Final
— Photos by Ken Irwin —

team and his younger charges surged over the top of the tired Lions.

For Dobson himself it was a personal triumph over his coach at two clubs in his playing days, current Bulleen boss Peter Ollerton. For Magic skipper Tom Markovski the win was a rare chance to step out of the shadows of little brother John, who also played a part in the win.

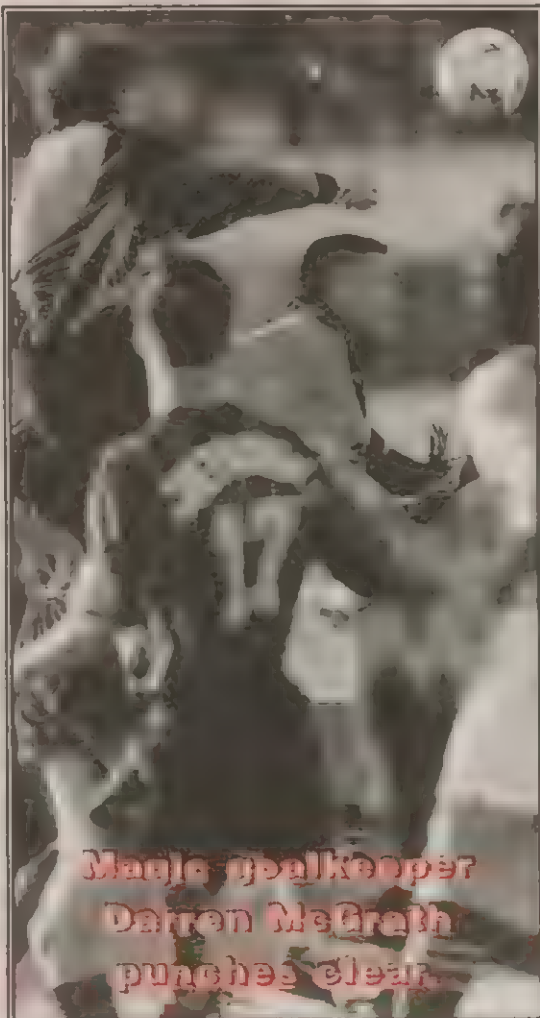
It was the day to say farewell to retiring Premier League stars Scott Patterson, Peter Lutgens and Paul Harris.

And it was a day Magic import Chris Emsovski will never forget as he won the Jim Rooney Medal for Grand Final MVP and was presented with his prize by the legendary Rooney himself.

The Paisley Park die-hards rejoiced in the triumph on one very special day in club history.

For the record, these were the grand final heroes of 1995: Darren McGrath, Zlatko Cvetkovski, Zdravko Atanasovski, Danny Madarovski, Robert Runje, Paul Harris, Tom Markovski, Henry Velkovski, Nick Georgopoulos, Ice Kutlesovski, Chris Emsovski, Nick Radecki and John Markovski.

We salute the champs and the Premier League Grand Final with this pictorial coverage of the big day.



Magic goalkeeper
Darren McGrath
punches clear.



How good is
this? Tom
Markovski
lifts the
trophy on
Grand Final
day.



Dale White's
double strike
wasn't
enough for
Bulleen on
the day.



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VISITING JAPANESE TEAMS KEEP ROLLING IN

BUNAN HIGH SCHOOL BEATS AUSTRALIANS



Bunan High School's soccer squad. Some of these players played in Australia.

BY BOB BROOKS

Visits to Australia by Japanese teams continue apace. Regular pre and mid-season training has been on the J-League participants itinerary since 1993.

The clubs come to Australia because of the excellent facilities available both on and off the field. The development of ever-closer relations with Japan can only benefit football in the two countries.

There are calls, from a variety of quarters, for regular games between club sides from both countries. One of the regular competitors against the visitors is Blacktown City Demons.

The pattern continued on a recent Thursday night at Valentine Park, Glenwood (formerly Parklea).

A visiting under 19 school side were in town, boosting an impressive record. They hadn't been beaten for over two years.

Their record remains intact as they gained a numerically narrow 1-0 victory over a Demons selection. Most local players were 18.

Bunan High from the Prefecture of Saitama, which is north of Tokyo beyond Narita Airport, had nineteen



players available. They were skilled with delicate touches and capable of some power play when necessary.

Striker Nagashima and attacking mid-fielder Noguchi were particularly impressive with their speed. The goal came early in the second stanza moments after Takizawa had ballooned the ball well over.

Blacktown lost the ball on their right. Noguchi took on and beat a defender before crossing the ball back for midfielder Furusawa to crack home a good goal.

The Demons built up well in the middle of the park but Bunan's defence held them out. One save from a high centre by goalkeeper Aoyagi was spectacular drawing polite applause from the 250 fellow-pupils bussed in for the game.

A late substitution by the visitors brought on the bustling and well-built Kikuchi. He started to cause some damage

down the middle of the Demons defence.

Parts of the game and many of the spectators were professionally filmed as is normal with Japanese visiting teams.

These video tapes are shown on a variety of television stations in Japan thereby enhancing the image of Australia in the eyes of the viewers in their country of over 100 million inhabitants.

It was announced in the September 12 edition of ABSW that the Richard Alagich School of Soccer had been chosen over similar organisations in more traditionally soccer-oriented countries, to provide coaching for a Japanese University.

The University based in Fukuoka was particularly impressed by the total programme offered by the Alagich outfit.

From wake-up to 'good-night' everything was organised and arranged including appropriate food and drink.

If the quality of developing players is anywhere near the standard of the young men seen at Soccer NSW headquarters two weeks ago then the Socceroos qualification for future World Cups through Asia will be extremely challenging.

BUNAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

1	GK	Go Aoyagi
2	DF	Tomokazu Sawayanagi
3	DF	Mitsuyasu Kosuge
4	DF	Daisuke Kotera
5	DF	Teruyuki Sakaguchi
6	MF	Kazuhiro Furusawa
7	MF	Tsukasa Ogawara
8	MF	Kunihiko Takizawa
9	FW	Hidekatsu Nagashima
10	FW	Haruo Noguchi
11	FW	Shinya Hoshido
12	GK	Tatsuya Shishido
13	DF	Satoshi Igarashi
14	MF	Kazuyoshi Kikuchi
15	MF	Manabu Urata
16	DF	Sadayoshi Ohneda
17	MF	Hiroshi Komatsu
18	FW	Atsushi Yamazaki
19	DF	Takahiro Okonogi

LAWRIE McKINNA TESTIMONIAL

Prolific goalscorer calls it a day

Lawrie McKinna who played over 100 games for Blacktown City Demons in the NSL and NSW State League is putting together a side for an exhibition match.

The game between McKinna's XI and a Blacktown City Selection will take place at 5 pm on Saturday 30 September at the Gabbie Stadium.

This will be followed by a dinner at Gabbies Restaurant in the Blacktown City Soccer Club a two minute stroll from the well-appointed Stadium.

The two events are the final of four held to commemorate the Lawrie McKinna Testimonial. These series of events making up McKinna's Testimonial granted by Blacktown City is rare and probably unique in Australia. They are fairly common in England, enabling fans to pay tribute

to a loyal servant and player who has given them much pleasure with his performance. A golf day and men's evening proved extremely popular.

There is no entry charge for the game but a collection will be taken at the gate. The proceeds of this voluntary entrance fee will go towards McKinna's Testimonial fund.

Bookings for the dinner are advised. The \$40 a head cost includes a three course meal plus cheese platters and most drinks, excluding spirits.

McKinna, the big man, started his career in his native Scotland. He became a professional with Kilmarnock before emigrating to Australia, originally arriving and playing in Melbourne briefly for Box Hill before transferring to Heidelberg in the National League.

He moved to Blacktown City in 1989 soon becoming a crowd favourite. His goal-scoring feats are legendary. One of the most memorable was in the final game of the 1991 season, the ball went just wide but Lawrie entered the finals series on crutches with a broken leg — he had scored over 15 goals in that season.

McKinna went on loan to Hills United in 1995 in NSW Division One. It is with Hills that the big man will start his coaching career in 1996. Everyone associated with the World Game wishes the ever-friendly Lawrie McKinna the very best of luck in his new challenge.

Players could include — Tony Pezzano, Terry Butler, Cliff Pointer, Robert Wheatley, Craig Mason, Jeff Doyle, Peter Tredinnick, Lawrie McKinna and many more.



Lawrie McKinna: Stalwart for the Demons.

Bobby Charlton joins Salisbury United

England's most famous soccer great, Sir Bobby Charlton, has become Vice Patron of Adelaide Premier League soccer club, Salisbury United.

Charlton, knighted last year for his services to soccer, was one of the 'Busby Babes' to survive the Munich air crash which devastated Sir Matt Busby's Manchester United team in 1958.

He was a key member of England's 1966 World Cup team captained by Bobby Moore. A series of spectacular Charlton goals catapulted England into the finals, where it beat West Germany. Charlton was named European Footballer of the Year.

In 1968 Charlton captained the Manchester United European Cup winning team, scoring twice in United's 4-1 victory over Benfica.

Charlton was capped 106 times for England and still holds the record for the number of goals scored for his country with 47.

Sir Bobby is a director of Manchester United.

Salisbury United's patron, Labor Leader Mike Rann, said the club was delighted that Sir Bobby had accepted his invitation to become Honorary Vice Patron of the Club.

"Sir Bobby is one of the world's most respected soccer ambassadors. His letter of acceptance is a real boost to the club which is fundraising to improve facilities and erect lights," Mr Rann said.



Bobby Charlton: Reading the inaugural edition of ABSW February 26, 1990. Charlton was in Australia to play in Blacktown City's NSL debut.

1995 WOMEN'S NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Queensland; Tasmania; Victoria; South Australia; New South Wales; Western Australia; Australian Capital Territory; Northern Territory.

Marion Sports and Community Club, Stuart Road, Marion.

DAY 1 — SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

9.00	Opening Ceremony		
10.00	NSW	v	NT
11.30	VIC	v	TAS
1.00	WA	v	N NSW
2.30	SA	v	QLD
4.00	ACT	v	NSW

DAY 2 — MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

9.30	TAS	v	N NSW
11.00	SA	v	WA
12.30	VIC	v	ACT
2.00	QLD	v	NT

DAY 3 — TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

9.00	VIC	v	NSW
10.30	NT	v	N NSW
12.00	QLD	v	ACT
1.30	TAS	v	WA
3.00	SA	v	VIC

DAY 4 — WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

9.30	NT	v	WA
11.00	QLD	v	NSW
12.30	TAS	v	SA
2.00	N.NSW	v	ACT

DAY 5 — THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

9.00	QLD	v	VIC
10.30	ACT	v	WA
12.00	NT	v	SA
1.30	N.NSW	v	NSW
3.00	QLD	v	TAS

DAY 6 — FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

9.30	ACT	v	SA
11.00	N.NSW	v	VIC
12.30	WA	v	NSW
2.00	NT	v	TAS

DAY 7 — SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

1.30	FINAL		
	Hindmarsh Stadium		

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Northern NSW

President stands down

The President of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, Mr Dave Williams, has decided that after 18 years service — 12 as president — he will not seek re-election to the Federation's Board of Directors for the term 1996-98.

Mr Williams, who announced his decision at the conclusion of the Federation's 1995 Awards Night on September 4. He said that he would remain as a director until the Annual General Meeting in December. From October 2, he would stand down from the presidency in favour of his long-standing deputy, Mr Bill Walker — a decision that had received unanimous Board approval on August 12.

The Board also unanimously elected John Simpson as Vice President and Steve Goverd as Treasurer.

"The Federation's growth over the past five years has been exceptional — due mainly to the dedication and managerial expertise of General Manager Garry Screen — and I'm sure Bill Walker will prove to be a meritorious leader in consolidating the Federation's standing as a Soccer Australia stakeholder," Williams said.

In his playing days, Williams made 251 appearances for Adamstown Rosebud in the NSW State League between 1941-52.

This was two more than his father, also Dave, who played for Minmi, Merewether Advance, Newcastle United and Adamstown.

He represented NSW against Queensland and Victoria in 1943 and was made a life-member of the Adamstown Rosebud Club in 1953.

Williams represented Newcastle, the North (10 times) and NSW against Queensland (twice), captained the State side against The Rest and played for NSW against the Australian team on its return from South Africa in 1950.

He played in several international trials from 1947-51 but, on each occasion, missed final selection.

Williams, who was made a life-member of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation in 1983 and a life-member of the Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) in March, 1994, served as a member of the ASF executive committee for eight years.

Cantabury Marioskville



BACK ROW (left right): Brian Zamit, Anthony Drouzas, Louie Drouzas, Vlado Zoric, Michael Naburn, Steven Rezo, Nick Gustambasidis.
 MIDDLE ROW: John Kipoulitis (Seach), Steve Christodoulidis, Matthew Percy, Nick Mithas, Steve Tolidis, John Christou, Robbie Jerkovic.
 FRONT ROW: John Manolopoulos, Sam Solidakis, Michael Karlamis, Spiro Hankalis, Zoran Jits, Angelos Markopoulos, Kon Tsaboudis.

Adamstown Rosebuds



BACK ROW (Left-right): Michael Wagstaff (Team manager), Adam Sanderson, Steven Kasev, Graham Jennings, David Bock, John Macquarie, Robbo de Grande, Neville Power (Goalie).

FRONT ROW: Benn Lane, Dale Robertson, Dale Robertson, Allan Gilday, Clint Goshing, Neil Owens, Liam Baker, George Saunders, Scott Thomas. Missing from photo: John McWhirter, Shane Pidge.

WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

Australian Youth Championship

NSW undisputed Youth Champions

New South Wales dominated throughout the National Youth Titles last week in Southport to be crowned undisputed Champions for 1995. From Day One, the Blues let it be known that no one would be taking the honours away from NSW, smashing in six goals against Western Australia.

They continued on their winning ways, combining superbly as a team, the bench players also slotting in capably when needed. With a finals place already in the bag, NSW dropped their only point of the tournament against a determined Queensland, who needed to win to secure the remaining finals spot.

The superiority of the NSW outfit, well prepared by coach and former Australian international Leigh Wardell, was reflected in the selection of

ten players in the National Youth Squad.

Overall the championship was a highly successful display of some young exciting new talent. Some superb goals from a number of sides were the highlight of the week, heralding the emergence of some great strikers including Verna Brinskelle (top scorer with 7 goals), Elizabeth Cotton, Cindy Doyle and Alicia Ferguson.

Minnows Tasmania put in some fine performances to finish a creditable fifth.

Tasmania's upset win over Queensland in the end cost the Maroons second place, their absence in the final their first in eight years.

As a curtain-raiser to the final, National Coach Tom Sermanni named a Select team consisting of players not involved in the big match. They performed well to finish with a 0-0 draw against the

Queensland Senior State Team.

ACT produced the goods throughout the event, going down by the one goal to Queensland for their only loss, and most importantly recording victory on the do-or-die last day to scrape into the final against NSW.

Their performance caps off a fantastic year for the ACT at junior and youth levels. Inspired by the Territory's impressive National Junior Title win earlier this year, this side is the first in ACT's history to make the Youth Final.

With NSW clear favourites to successfully hold onto the Championship, ACT were determined to make the most of their opportunity and rose to the occasion, pulling out their best football of the week. This made for what turned out to be a highly exciting encounter, the match not sealed until the final few minutes.

NSW took an early lead after just twelve minutes. Dynamic striker Verna Brinskelle this time was the creator of the goal, turning well to lose her defender 40 yards out from goal before slipping the ball for the ever reliable Taryn Rockall to run in and score a great goal.

NSW did not however continue to the best of their capability and much of the remainder of the match was an even affair, ACT unlucky not to convert a couple of good chances.

In the second half, ACT's determination paid off when a dramatic incident resulted in an equaliser for the underdogs. Pressing forward on the NSW defence, ACT intercepted the ball, forcing a 3 on 3 situation. With the

NSW defence seemingly handling the pressure well, sweeper Kristen Spinner surprisingly lashed out and brought down the attacker, earning herself a red card. The resultant penalty was duly converted by Dior Foxhill to take the score to 1-1.

With a player down and time running away, NSW's lanky striker Elizabeth Cotton took matters into her own hands, constructing a brilliant solo attack to break the deadlock with the coolness and apparent ease of a Maradona.

Just seven minutes before time, Cotton turned ACT's back line inside-out, dribbling past three defenders before calmly chipping the ball over the advancing keeper to become an instant hero.

NSW from then on dominated play until the final whistle.

Rockall performed admirably in the final for the champions, with Nadine Humphries shining in defence. Outstanding for ACT was striker Cindy Doyle, capping off a great weeks display.

NSW SQUAD

Claire O'Neill, Kristen Spinner, Nadine Humphries, Kristy Heyward, Hannah Burton, Bridget Harries, Gill Thomson, Rochelle Doyle, Taryn Rockall, Verna Brinskelle, Elizabeth Cotton.

Subs: Cassandra Curran, Bronwyn Holand, Alisa Winner, Rebecca Read, Belinda Barter.

ACT SQUAD

Amy Beattie, Melissa de Ryck, Felicity Cox, Trish Robinson, Amy Smallpage, Dior Foxhill, Cindy Doyle, Bianca Lee, Maria Triantafyllou, Amy Wilson, Danica Ralston, Amy Taylor, Tracy Floro, Sophie Callen, Tara Hummelshoj.

FOR THE RECORD

DAY ONE — 10TH SEPTEMBER

N.NSW 0, VIC 2 (Kathy Zacharopoulos, Silvana Cosic).
NSW 6, Verna Brinskelle 3, Taryn Rockall, Gill Thomson, Elizabeth Cotton, WA 0.
QLD 3, (Melissa Carle, Alicia Ferguson, Kelly Polakow) SA 0.
ACT 1, (Cindy Doyle) TAS 0.

DAY TWO — 11TH SEPTEMBER

SA 0, NSW 1 (Hannah Burton).
VIC 0, ACT 1 (Amy Smallpage).
TAS 2, (Naomi Denne 2) QLD 1, (Melissa Cowie).
WA 3, (Tal Karp, Francine Lione, Sarah Castell) N.NSW 0.

DAY THREE — 12TH SEPTEMBER

NSW 4, (Bridget Harries, Elizabeth Cotton, Verna Brinskelle 2) TAS 0.
SA 1, (Kristy Moore) WA 1, (Candice McMinn).
ACT 1, (Cindy Doyle) N.NSW 0.
QLD 3, (Sarah Gaven, Melissa Cowie, Alicia Ferguson) VIC 0.

DAY FOUR — 13TH SEPTEMBER

WA 1, ACT 3 (Cindy Doyle 2, Trish Robinson).
N.NSW 0, QLD 2 (Alicia Ferguson, Kelly Polakow).
VIC 1, (Silvana Cosic) NSW 6, (Elizabeth Cotton 2, Rochelle Doyle, Hannah Burton, Verna Brinskelle own goal).
TAS 2, (Naomi Denne, Sarah Fitzgerald) SA 5, (Kristy Moore 2, Denise Reeves, Nikki Phillips, Alison Hill).

DAY FIVE — 14TH SEPTEMBER

QLD 1, (Lindsay Whiddett) ACT 0.
NSW 3, (Gill Thomson 2, Elizabeth Cotton) N.NSW 0.
TAS 2, (Sarah Fitzgerald 2) WA 1, (Lisa Tana).
SA 0, VIC 1 (Silvana Cosic).

DAY SIX — 15TH SEPTEMBER

TAS 3, (Lisa Perry, Stacy Brown, Rebecca Wheatley) N.NSW 3, (Amanda Gavenlock, Torie Trowbridge, Angela Schlebel).
SA 0, ACT 4 (Dior Foxhill, Cindy Doyle, Amy Wilson 2).
VIC 3, (Silvana Cosic, Daniela Digiammarco 2) WA 0.
NSW 1, (Verna Brinskelle), QLD 1, (Sarah Garven).

DAY SEVEN — 16TH SEPTEMBER

Final —
NSW 2, (Taryn Rockall, Elizabeth Cotton) ACT 1, (Dior Foxhill).

Final Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/DPTS
NSW	6	5	1	0	21	2	19 12
ACT	6	5	0	1	10	2	8 10
QLD	6	4	1	1	11	3	8 9
VIC	6	3	0	3	7	10	3 6
TAS	6	2	1	3	9	15	-6 5
SA	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6 3
WA	6	1	1	4	6	15	-9 3
N.NSW	6	0	1	5	3	14	-11 1

CHAMPIONS: NSW, ASSOCIATION TROPHY: NSW.

BOARD SPOTS UP FOR GRABS

Positions of another kind are up for grabs with the AWSA Annual General Meeting set down for Saturday in Adelaide before proceedings get underway on the park.

With a number of recent resignations upsetting the rhythm of Board members' terms, all Board positions are now up for election, including that of President, currently held by Dennis O'Brien.

O'Brien has enjoyed a successful year, the sport undergoing its greatest progress at a whirlwind pace under his direction and numerous initiatives.

Player numbers are at an unprecedented high, the National Team produced some creditable results against the world's best, culminating in representation at the World Cup.

Women's soccer now has a full-time National Coach and the five ITC Coaches are making a great impact in the development of elite players.

Government funding is at its greatest, allowing the sport to reach such professional levels over a number of areas from grass roots to the elite, vital if Australia is to compete at the top with Sydney 2000 fast approaching.

O'Brien's position at the helm is being contested by former National Executive Director Heather Reid.

Test Your Knowledge

ANSWERS

- (10) Van Basten
- (9) Hungary
- (8) Le Tissier
- (7) Ricky Villa
- (6) Ozzie Ardiles
- (5) Liverpool
- (4) Tommy Svensson
- (3) Paulo Maldini
- (2) Ivanov
- (1) Di Stefano

Youth Squad Announced

After a great week of soccer, National Coach Tom Sermanni announced his U19 National Select Squad. From this 33-member group, a side will be chosen to take on New Zealand who will hopefully be visiting Canberra this December.

With a number of States fielding some talented juniors, Sermanni has also named some additions to the U16 Squad.

U/19 NATIONAL SELECT
Belinda BarterNSW

Louisa BisbyVIC
Verna Brinskelle.....NSW
Hannah BurtonNSW
Silvana CosicVIC
Elizabeth Cotton.....NSW
Tanya Cowan.....QLD
Naomi Denne.....TAS
Daniela Digiammaroo.....VIC
Cindy Doyle.....ACT
Alicia Ferguson.....QLD
Sarah Fitzgerald.....TAS
Felicity Forby.....SA
Dior Foxhill.....ACT
Sarah Garven.....QLD
Bridget Harries.....NSW
Nadine Humphries.....NSW

Tracie McGovern.....N.NSW
Kristy Moore.....SA
Claire O'Neill.....NSW
Kelly Polakow.....QLD
Danica Ralston.....ACT
Taryn Rockall.....NSW
Joanne Salter.....VIC
Brooke Short.....QLD
Sristen Spinner.....NSW
Lisa Tana.....WA
Amy Taylor.....ACT
Gill Thomson.....NSW
Rebecca Wheatley.....TAS
Lindsay Whiddett.....QLD
Amy Wilson.....ACT
Kathy Zacharopoulos.....VIC

ADDITIONS TO THE U/16 NATIONAL SQUAD

Amy BeattieACT
Sarah Castell.....WA
Tal Karp.....WA
Candice McMinn.....WA
Kristy Palozzi.....N.NSW
Nikki Phillips.....SA
Renice Reeves.....SA
Kelly Russell.....QLD
Danielle Small.....N.NSW
Amy Smallpage.....ACT
Kylie Thomas.....WA

ITALY's Serie A & B

Parma win may silence critics

TABLES

SERIE A

Milan	4	0	0	9	3	12
Juventus	3	1	0	9	1	10
Napoli	4	3	1	0	8	3
Lazio	4	2	2	0	10	6
Udinese	2	1	1	7	6	7
Parma	2	1	1	6	5	7
Sampdoria	4	1	3	0	5	2
Fiorentina	4	2	0	2	5	5
Vicenza	4	2	0	2	3	3
Torino	1	2	1	5	5	5
Inter	1	1	2	3	4	4
Roma	1	1	2	3	4	4
Atalanta	1	1	2	3	7	4
Piacenza	4	1	1	2	4	10
Bari	0	2	2	7	10	2
Padova	0	1	3	3	7	1
Cagliari	4	0	1	3	1	5
Cremonese	0	1	3	3	8	1

SERIE B

Brescia	11	5	3	2	0	8	4
Verona	10	5	3	1	1	7	2
Bologna	9	5	2	3	0	5	2
Foggia	9	5	2	3	0	3	1
Genoa	8	5	2	2	1	12	6
Salernitana	8	5	2	2	1	4	1
Chievo	7	5	1	4	0	5	3
Pistoiese	7	5	2	1	2	6	4
Cesena	7	5	2	1	2	6	5
Palermo	7	5	1	4	0	4	3
Ancona	7	5	2	1	2	7	8
Lucchese	6	5	1	3	1	3	3
Pescara	6	5	1	3	1	4	5
Avellino	5	5	1	2	2	4	5
Fandria	4	5	1	1	3	8	10
Cosenza	4	5	1	1	3	4	8
Reggina	4	5	0	4	1	4	11
Perugia	3	5	0	3	2	3	6
Reggina	3	5	0	3	2	2	6
Venezia	3	5	1	0	4	2	8

RESULTS

SERIE A

Cremonese 0 Roma 1 (Fonseca 68).
 Halftime: 0-0.
 Attendance: 10,000.
 Lazio 2 (Signori 13 - penalty, Fuser 42) Udinese 2 (Ametrano 72, Bierhoff 88).
 Halftime: 2-0.
 Attendance: 55,000.
 Milan 3 (Desailly 25, Baggio 87, Di Canio 90) Atalanta 0. Halftime: 1-0. Attendance: 60,000.
 Napoli 2 (Imbriani 31, Buso 65) Inter 1 (Fontolan 46). Halftime: 1-0. Attendance: 75,000.
 Parma 3 (Stoichkov 35, Crippa 40, Benarrivo 65) Fiorentina 0. Halftime: 2-0. Attendance: 28,000.
 Piacenza 3 (Caccia 42 and 48, Piovani 51) Bari 2 (Protti 84, Pedone 88). Halftime: 1-0. Attendance: 13,000.
 Torino 1 (Rizzitelli 63) Sampdoria 1 (Maniero 58). Halftime: 0-0. Attendance: 20,000.
 Vicenza 2 (Murgita 14, Otero 83) Padova 1 (Amoruso 28).
 Halftime: 1-1.
 Attendance: 15,000.
 Cagliari 0 Juventus 0.

SERIE B

Brescia	1	Salernitana	1
Cesena	2	Perugia	0
Chievo	3	Cosenza	1
Ancona	2	Fidelis Andria	1
Foggia	1	Reggina	0
Genoa	1	Reggina	1
Lucchese	1	Palermo	0
Pescara	2	Venezia	1
Pistoiese	1	Avellino	1
Verona	1	Bologna	1

Future bleak for Inter manager

On Sunday in the Italian Serie A, Bulgaria's Hristo Stoichkov helped silence critics of Parma coach Nevio Scala scoring one goal and making another in his side's convincing 3-0 win over Fiorentina.

However the future looks bleak for beleaguered Inter manager Ottavio Bianchi after his team slipped to a 2-1 defeat against resurgent Napoli, whom Bianchi used to coach.

Napoli's victory, their first at home to Inter since Argentine ace Diego Maradona scored in a 1988 win, took the southern side into second place, rekindling memories of the club's glory days.

Milan maintained their perfect start to the season with a 3-0 win over Atalanta to move to the top of the table with a maximum 12 points from four games.

Juventus missed a chance to join them when they failed to score at home against Cagliari in a match that finished 0-0.

A rare goal from French midfielder Marcel Desailly, his third in 47 league appearances, and Roberto Baggio's second league goal since leaving Juventus set Milan on their way.

Unsettled striker Paolo Di Canio, linked with Blackburn Rovers, scored Milan's third goal in stoppage time.

Lazio lie fourth on eight points after letting slip a 2-0 half-time lead against Udinese after conceding two goals in the last 20 minutes.

Raffaele Ametrano put his side back in the game with a 72nd minute chip over Luca Marchegiani before German striker Oliver Bierhoff claimed a dramatic 88th minute equaliser.

Lazio's day was further soured by the 83rd minute sending-off of international striker Pierluigi Casiraghi.

The point lifts newly promoted Udinese into fifth place in the league standings, alongside Parma.

Roma's coach Carlo Mazzone will breathe a sigh of relief after second-half substitute Daniel Fonseca's deflected freekick brought his side their first league victory of the season, 1-0 over Cremonese despite having midfielders Francesco Moriero and Luigi Di Biagio sent off.

Blame for Parma's humiliating 3-0 defeat at Sampdoria last weekend was laid squarely at the feet of two men, coach



Hristo Stoichkov: Scored for Parma.



George Weah and Marcel Desailly: Weah did not score but Desailly struck in the 25th minute.

Scala and his star summer signing Stoichkov.

Against Fiorentina both answered their critics in emphatic style.

First, Scala decided to drop his three-man frontline in favour of the 4-4-2 tactics that has taken his side to three European finals in the past three seasons.

Then Stoichkov finally showed the form that made him last season's European Footballer of the Year.

In the 35th minute, he rifled home an accurate right foot shot that cannoned in off Francesco Toldo's near post.

Then in the 40th minute the Bulgarian striker initiated a sweeping end-to-end move that ended with Massimo Crippi's lethal final touch.

Former Italy defender Antonio Benarrivo added Parma's third in the 65th minute, beating the off-side trap for his first-ever Serie A goal in 98 league matches and remove an early season question mark hanging over Parma's championship chances.

PLAYER POWER

Diego Maradona unveiled plans last week for a worldwide footballers union to challenge the way the governing bodies were running the game.

"We don't intend to fight anyone. Unless they want (a fight)," said the Argentinian who is banned from soccer until the end of September after failing a drugs test at USA 94.

Eric Cantona, who is also banned until the end of the month after attacking a Crystal Palace fan in January, said: "We are not planning a revolution, we want to sit down with everyone concerned with football and talk through all these problems."

Maradona, voted president of the newly-formed International Professional Footballers Association, said it was too early to go into details.

But both players agreed free transfers, a fairer share-out of television money, unpopular mid-day kick-off times in World Cup matches and overcrowded seasons would be on the agenda for future meetings.

Maradona said the association was not a direct

International Professional Footballers Association kicks off

threat to Joao Havelange, the 79-year-old president of the game's ruling body (FIFA), who some believe has been giving players a raw deal.

"We only want to unite the players of the world, and our aim is not to make Mr. Havelange leave. We want to change things and take part in everything which is being prepared for the football of tomorrow," he said.

"We have to show we mean business," said the Brazilian forward Rai who plays for Paris St. Germain.

Belgium's Michel Preud'homme, voted the outstanding goalkeeper at the 1994 World Cup, said the association was fully behind Jean-Marc Bosman who has pursued a five-year crusade to have UEFA's transfer rules declared illegal.

Liberian George Weah, transferred to AC Milan from Paris for eight million dollars in the summer, said African countries were being treated unfairly by European clubs.



Diego Maradona: President of the Players' Association.

"When we leave Europe we have less than 24 hours before we play for our country," he said.

Italians Gianluca Vialli (Juventus) and Gianfranco Zola (Parma), Ghanaian Abedi Pele (Torino), Swede Tomas Brolin (Parma), German Michel Rummenigge and Algeria's Mohammed Chaouch, who plays for French club Nice, were also present.

"The idea of the association came to me as a way of showing my solidarity with the many players who need the help of those who are more famous," said Maradona who is due to

appear in his first match since playing against Nigeria in the 1994 World Cup when he turns out for his new club Boca Juniors against the South Korean national team in Seoul on September 30.

The 34 year old's playing career looked to have come to an end when FIFA banned him for using ephedrine, a stimulant, at the World Cup in the United States last year.

It was Maradona's second drug ban after a 15 month ban for cocaine use while playing in the Italian League for Napoli.

However, he signed a two-year contract worth

eight million dollars for Boca Juniors in June after a deal to play for Pele's former club Santos fell through.

He had played for Newell's Old Boys and was coach at Racing Club since returning to Argentina in 1993.

Maradona, bought by Barcelona of Spain for six million dollars in 1982 and sold for a then world record 10.5 million dollars to Napoli two years later, was at his peak from 1986 to 1990.

He inspired Napoli to two Italian league titles and the Italian and UEFA Cups as well as winning the

World Cup in 1986 where he never owned up to his 'Hand of God' goal against England in the quarter-finals.

Heavy drinking, drugs and persistent ankle injuries led to his decline and although he played in a bad-tempered Argentina side which reached the 1990 World Cup final, losing to Germany, he seemed to be in an unstoppable downward spiral.

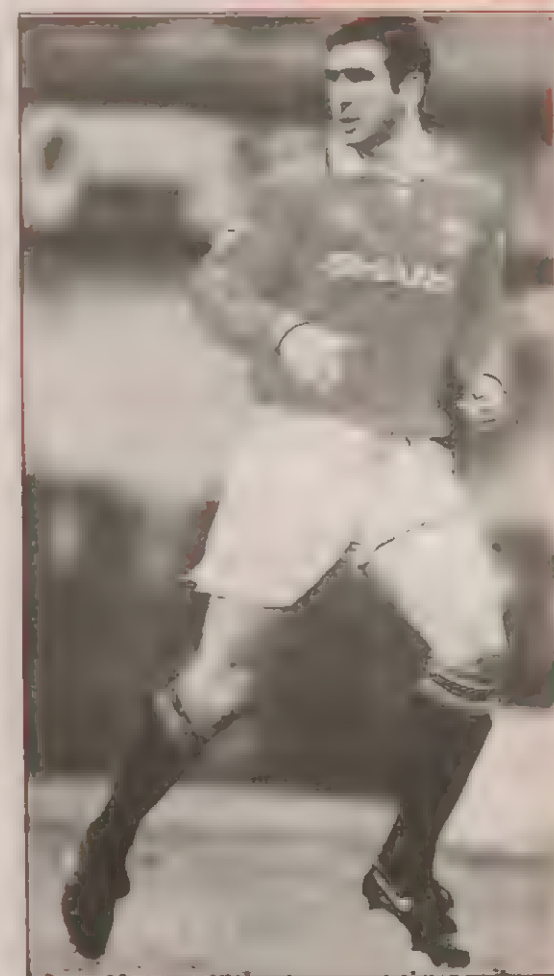
An unhappy spell with the Spanish club Sevilla, who had been prepared to pay six million dollars for the player, saw him return to Argentina where he was expected to play out his career.

However, he emerged from a crash slimming course looking like the Maradona of old and galvanised Argentina for their first three matches in the 1994 World Cup until that fatal dope test. His physio later said he had included ephedrine by mistake in his high-vitamin diet.

FIFA's Blatter comments on IPFA

FIFA will not officially recognise the International Professional Footballers Association set up on September 17 by Diego Maradona and other stars, soccer's governing body's secretary general Sepp Blatter said.

"They are free to form associations like all employees and to discuss work problems, but they must address themselves to their employers, that is to say their clubs and national associations," said Blatter.



Eric Cantona: "We want to sit down and talk through problems".



Michel Preud'homme: The Association fully backs Bosman in European court.

THE COURT CASE THAT WILL CHANGE THE WORLD GAME

Jean-Marc Bosman: Hero or villain

Opinions about Jean-Marc Bosman as a footballer were unanimous.

He was a highly promising youngster who captained the Belgium youth team but later failed to fulfil his initial promise.

He nevertheless became a capable professional player, possibly lacking in aggression.

Opinions about him as a soccer revolutionary are far more wide-ranging.

Thousands involved in the European game will be directly affected by the opinion given by Carl Otto Lenz, the advocate-general of the European Court of Justice whose interim ruling last week will probably bring an end to soccer's transfer system that has existed for more than a century.

The proposed change would probably never have come to court if Bosman had moved

from FC Liege to French side Dunkirk without a hitch in 1990. But instead the transfer fell through.

In 1988, Liege had signed Bosman for \$A133,100.

It wanted \$A1.06 million from Dunkirk for him up front, and when Dunkirk refused, Liege pulled out of the deal. Under Belgian rules they were able to cut Bosman's wages by 75 per cent and effectively suspend him from playing for both them and any other club.

Although under British rules he could have demanded a free transfer, under Belgian rules he was stuck.

Unable to play and with time on his hands, he began to examine his case closely and decided to pursue it through the courts.

Along the way his marriage broke up, he became bankrupt and, now 30, he may or may not

play out the remaining years of his career in the lower divisions of the Belgian league.

As a footballer he may have become something of a nonentity, but his name and image will certainly become very familiar over the next few months — if not years.

Already opinion is widely split over Bosman's case, a final ruling on which is expected early next year.

Some people believe that in pursuing his own self-interest Bosman has brought to an end a system that worked very well.

Others feel he has liberated the players who, at the top level at least, stand to make a great deal of money.

Frans Meulemans, the legal expert of the Belgian football association, is quoted as saying in *Het Volk*: "I had expected this opinion. This advocate-general Lenz knows nothing

about sports. They want to destroy the associations, and the clubs, and therefore the sport itself."

In England, the powerful agent Eric Hall heralded the decision with glee.

"Perhaps now football chairmen will come into the real world. If you rent a television you can walk away when the agreement is up. Footballers couldn't do that, but they can now."

"Clubs will try to sign 17 or 18-year-olds on a seven or eight-year contract. If these players are any good they will be sold at a nice profit. The smaller clubs will benefit."

Bosman will never be universally acclaimed as a hero, nor will he universally be condemned. The only thing for sure is that he will be remembered for a very long time.



Jean-Marc Bosman: Pursued freedom for players through courts.

What The Experts Said...

GORDON TAYLOR

■ Gordon Taylor, British president of the International Federation of players' unions (FIFPRO), said: "This is a very significant day for the future of international football."

"Hopefully, we'll never again see a situation of a professional footballer being denied his rights to move to the club of his choice."

GRAHAM KELLY

■ Graham Kelly, chief executive of England's Football Association, said in Oporto, Lenz's opinion signalled the need for "sensible talk and compromise between UEFA, the European Union and the players".

He said he would not like to see the transfer system disappear overnight. "My advice to UEFA is to negotiate realistically and sensibly."

WOLFGANG NIERSBACH

■ German Football Federation spokesman Wolfgang Niersbach said Lenz's recommendations

would hurt smaller clubs.

"The transfer system is absolutely vital for the survival of soccer, especially of the smaller clubs and amateur clubs, because they can top up their budgets only by selling players," he said.

Niersbach said amateur clubs had practically no income apart from player sales.

ADAM BARR-SMITH

■ Adam Barr-Smith, lawyer to England's premier league, said: "The smaller football clubs depend on this cascade of transfer money from the larger clubs and without it they could well find their very existence threatened," Barr-Smith said.

The Premier League's chief executive Rick Parry said: "Talk of a fundamental threat to the future of football is premature and ill-judged."

"If there are changes to the transfer system and the foreign players rule then football and the market will adjust and find a new balance."

UEFA chiefs vow to fight ruling

European soccer chiefs said last week they would fight to persuade the European Court of Justice against outlawing their player transfer system.

The system faces collapse if the court follows the recommendation of one of its chief legal advisers that it rule the transfer system and its limits on foreign players illegal.

Court advocate general Carl Otto Lenz gave the opinion in a case brought by Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman. The court, expected to make a final ruling early next year, usually follows the recommendations of its advisers.

European Football



Lennart Johansson: "We will go on fighting".

Union (UEFA) president Lennart Johansson said banning the system would create a mess.

"(We) will go on fighting with our representatives in the European Union to see to it that football can have its

own rules," Johansson said in Oporto, where he was attending a UEFA meeting.

"We note that the European Court may follow all of the opinion, some of the opinion or none of the opinion. We trust that the court will undertake a further serious examination of both the facts and the law before giving judgment."

Bosman was in the Luxembourg court when the opinion was given today. His case started in 1990 when FC Liege of Belgium blocked his proposed transfer to French club Dunkirk.

Liege later suspended Bosman, who is now seeking damages of about \$A1.32 million from

UEFA and the Belgian soccer union, claiming he was unofficially blacklisted after starting the court case.

Lenz was unequivocal in his opinion, based on a 124-page report.

"The transfer fee payable for the player by his new club infringes at least the player's freedom of movement," he said, referring to rules allowing clubs to demand payments for players who have reached the end of their contracts and want to move to a new club.

On rules limiting players by nationality, he said: "The rules on foreign players are clearly discrimination by reason of nationality and cannot be justified."

BRIGHTON SIGN VETERAN

Former England defender Russell Osman has joined second division Brighton on a non-contract basis.

Osman, still trying to settle contractual wranglings with Bristol City where he was manager, says he hopes to be able to pass on his experience to the south coast club.

"I still take a lot of pride in what I do whether it's management, coaching or playing and while I'm fit enough to do it I'll give the playing side 100 per cent commitment," said the 36-year-old.

Osman, who had a long playing career with Ipswich and Southampton, was capped 11 times by England between 1980 and 1984.

He impressed Brighton boss Liam Brady when they played together in a veterans tournament in Portugal during the summer.

Former Arsenal midfield maestro Brady has also signed 31-year-old midfielder George Parris, most recently with Swedish club Norrkoping, on a similar basis.

He went straight into the Seagulls' side for the weekend derby match against Bournemouth.



Russell Osman: Joined Brighton without contract.

Italy-Croatia match to go ahead in Split

Europe's governing soccer body UEFA last week gave the go-ahead for next month's Croatia-Italy cup qualifying match to be played in the Croatian port city of Split, provided the host can guarantee security.

Italian soccer authorities had asked to move the game from Croatia to Austria and threatened to risk disqualification rather than play in the Balkan country.

The European football body said the game would be played on October 8

in Split "provided the government of Croatia confirms in writing that security for the visitors, spectators, guests, UEFA delegates and referees is guaranteed."

UEFA said the guarantees must be provided by next Tuesday (today).

Italian Soccer Federation president Antonio Matarrese, also a

UEFA vice president, said last month he would not play the game in the warring Balkan

country.

"I am not taking my team to Split and neither am I taking it to Zagreb," Matarrese said at the time.

Croatian Soccer Federation president Ante Pavlovic said last month he expected UEFA to decide Croatia was a safe place to play the match.

Croatia leads Group Four of the qualifying rounds and Italy is second, with both clubs favored to advance to next year's European Championships in England.

Croatian Corner

By John Viskovich

KOCIJAN AUSTRIA OR CROATIA

Tomislav Kocijan of Casino Salzburg, who is an Austrian citizen is the likely replacement for Robert Jarni in the Croatian team. Robert Jarni is on two yellow cards and will miss the game against Italy hence giving Kocijan an opportunity to play for Croatia. However Kocijan is also wanted by Austria and is yet to make up his mind who he will play for. Kocijan is in great form and its no wonder that Croatia and Austria are both fighting over him.

HAJDUK CLEARANCE

Hajduk Split who reached the quarter finals in the Champions Cup last season have lost no less than eight players from that squad.

Gone are Sasha Person to Cannes, Karol Prezenica to Prague, Stipe



Josip Skoko:
In ghost of Hajduk team.

Andrijasevic to Rayo Vallcano, Tomislav Ergg to Lugano Aliosha Asanovic to Real Valladolid, Goran Vucevic to Barcelona, Dean Racunica to Casino Salzburg and Hari Vuras to Segesita.

Now that Hajduk will not play in the Champions Cup this season four other players are set to follow. Ivica Mornar is already in Germany talking with a number of clubs including Hamburg. Mirsad Hibic could head to Cannes while Igor Stimac is looking to head to England and Milan Rapacic wants to go to Benfica or Sporting Lisbon.

Hajduk will not lose goalkeeper Tonci Gabric or quality imports Mass Sarr, Steve Horvat and Josip Skoko.

VIDUKA NO GOALS

Former Melbourne Knights striker Mark Viduka is yet to score for Croatia Zagreb after five matches in the Croatian First Division. He has however managed four goals in the Cup and has set up plenty of goals. The Australian international is rated very highly in Croatia and many think his luck will change and he will score plenty of goals in the not too distant future.

SKOKO NUMBER 10

Australian Youth International Josip Skoko has impressed officials so much so that he wears the number 10 at Hajduk. The midfielder replaces Asanovic who went to Spain.

Hajduk coach Ivan Kathalinic says Skoko is the future of this team and with experience he will be able to lead Hajduk to a bright future.

BOBAN'S LOTTO SHOP

AC Milans Zvonimir Boban is soon to open a shop in Zagreb which will sell Lotto Sport clothing as well as soccer boots and other sporting goods. Boban's partner in this adventure is his AC Milan team mate Dejan Savicevic. Savicevic on the other hand has opened his shop in Belgrade.

The Lotto shop should be a success as



Mark Viduka: Searching for League goals.

the brand is becoming more and more popular. The Croatian Team has Lotto gear and players such as Vucevic Boban, Vlaovic Jarni, Stimac Suker and Bilic all wear Lotto boots.

SALZBURG CRASHING

Since Croatian coach Otto Baric was sacked as coach of Casino Salzburg the team has been in dire straits. The

performances have not improved and Salzburg will not regain its title as Champions of Austria this season.

Sure people blamed the coach for poor results but he was not at fault this time. An injury to Croatian striker Nikola Jurcevic was the reason for the team's failing to score. Nikola is a key member and the team can't play without him.

The team from Austria hope Jurcevic comes back into the team as soon as possible and they can defend the Championship title they won last season.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Frank Farina while playing for Marconi in the late 80s was approached by Dinamo Zagreb. However Frank didn't want to join the Croatian team and instead went to Belgium.

Did you know that Hajduk Split wanted to sign Robbie Slater who was at the time playing for Sydney Croatia. When the Hajduk officials arrived in Australia they watched the player in action, but were not impressed and told Sydney Croatia player Vedran Rozic that the Aussie was not as good as everyone said he was. Slater later went to France where he became a star overnight with Lens.

Did you know that Zvonimir Boban didn't play in the World Cup in 1990 because he kicked a policeman when a riot broke out among fans in a soccer match between Dinamo and Red Star.

Did you know that Croatian international Robert Jarni is of Italian decent.

Did you know that when Croatia played Australia in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, Croatia had a player sent off in all three matches. The players were Igor Stimac, Josko Jelecic and Goran Vucevic. The only player to score was Josip Weber who is now a Belgium international.

Champions League sensation

UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, last Sunday upheld a ban on Ukraine's Dynamo Kiev from European club competition for trying to bribe a referee.

Executives from Dynamo Kiev had asked the UEFA disciplinary committee to

rescind the three-year ban, which is viewed as a national tragedy in Ukraine.

But after a five-hour meeting, UEFA upheld the ban and also confirmed that Vasyly Babychuk, Dynamo's vice president and general manager, and board member Igor Surkis would be banned for life from any UEFA

activities.

"We are very disappointed. We don't think our arguments were properly taken into account," said Grigory Surkis, president of Dynamo Kiev, told reporters.

"We don't understand who needed a provocation of this kind against our club. Dynamo Kiev is a club with a tremendous tradition behind it. It is the pride of the Ukrainian people ... we are convinced that time will put everything in its proper place."

Before being called in to hear the decision, Igor Surkis — Grigory's younger brother — said the affair had become a "national tragedy in Ukraine, similar in its effect to the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster in 1986. How can the word of one man be accepted against us?" he asked.

Dynamo executives have maintained their innocence of the bribery charges and

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma appealed to UEFA to postpone the ban on Dynamo pending an investigation.

In a letter to UEFA, Kuchma said he had instructed Ukraine's public prosecutor to conduct an urgent inquiry into the matter.

An official close to the Dynamo team said the decision was a disaster not only for club officials, but for all the players who could see their careers seriously affected or even ruined.

Babychuk and Igor Surkis were alleged to have offered Spanish referee Antonio Lopez Nieto and other match officials expensive fur hats and coats before a European Club Champions League match in Kiev on September 13.

Dynamo Kiev won the game against Panathinaikos of Greece 1-0, but last Wednesday UEFA annulled the result and replaced

Dynamo with Danish champions Aalborg.

UEFA spokesman Salvatore Cucco said the decision by the five-member disciplinary committee was unanimous and the hearing had gone on for five hours because the president of the meeting — leading German lawyer Wilhem Hennes — wanted to give all parties involved adequate time to put their case.

Members of the UEFA committee declined to comment directly and Spanish referee Lopez Nieto left for home well before the decision was announced.

Grigory Surkis said Lopez Nieto had become confused in his explanation during the hearing.

"We are sure the referee became even more confused in his explanation. We think our arguments today deserved a better fate," Surkis said.

Newspapers in Kiev have alleged the incident was a

"provocation" — staged to discredit Dynamo.

In Communist days, the club was one of the most consistent teams in the old Soviet league, providing many top international stars and at one point in the 1970s

supplying almost the entire Soviet squad.

Dynamo claim Lopez Nieto first asked the club to help him get fur hats and coats for match officials, but later changed his mind when handed a bill for \$30,000.

ANDERLECHT WANT KIEV SPOT

Belgian club Anderlecht has challenged UEFA's decision to replace Dynamo Kiev with Danish champion Aalborg in this season's European Cup Champions' League.

But Anderlecht urged UEFA's general secretary Gerhard Aigner to intervene and convince UEFA's cup competitions committee to review its decision to replace Kiev by Aalborg. Anderlecht believes it should have been picked instead of Aalborg because of its superior performance in past European club competitions.

"We believe that no sporting or other criteria justified the advantage given to Aalborg," Anderlecht said in a letter to Aigner.

It noted that UEFA had "always defended and strictly applied the principle of protecting the interests of clubs, based on the best sporting performances".

Danes replace Kiev

Danish champions Aalborg were thrust forward onto the European soccer stage last week.

UEFA announced that the Danes would replace Dynamo Kiev in this season's European Cup Champions League.

"UEFA decided to invite Aalborg to replace Dynamo Kiev," the European Football Union's cup competition committee said in a statement.

Aalborg were eliminated from the champions' competition by Dynamo Kiev in a preliminary round and had been widely expected to fill the vacant berth.

UEFA have declared the Panathinaikos match, which Dynamo won 1-0, null and void, although sanctions like yellow cards and suspensions remain in force.

The substitute fixture between Aalborg and the Greek champions is scheduled for October 25.

Aalborg may take heart from their national counterparts. Denmark were a late substitute at the 1992 European championships for Yugoslavia — and won the title.

News From Around The Globe

FIFA RE-OPENS BRIBERY PROBE

The European Football Union (UEFA) announced last week it is to reopen its enquiry into match-rigging by former French champion Olympique Marseille.

Marseille was relegated to the French Second Division and banned from defending the European Cup it won in May 1993 in the wake of the match-rigging scandal in the French league.

Now UEFA is to reopen the case following allegations that corruption by Marseille officials was even more widespread.

UEFA secretary general Gerhard Aigner said that: "Articles have appeared in the press recently claiming corruption in Olympique Marseille's European Cup matches. It is UEFA's duty to investigate them."

In September, French international Jean-Pierre Papin was quoted by the Italian media as saying that two AC Milan players were bribed in the 1993 European Cup final which Marseille won 1-0.

He later denied the allegations, claiming he had been misrepresented by the newspapers.

In the original match-rigging, Bernard Tapie, the then president of Olympique Marseille, was found guilty of bribing opposition players to throw a match against Valenciennes five days before the European Cup final.

Tapie, a former French socialist government minister, was sentenced to a two year, with one year suspended, jail sentence. He is appealing against the verdict.

THREAT OF ENGLAND SPLIT

English First Division teams, playing in the shadow of premier league powerhouses like Manchester United and Newcastle, are threatening to break away unless they get a bigger cut of the financial pie.

Leicester chairman Martin George, whose club was demoted this season from the premier league, is to meet with officials of Oldham, Crystal Palace, Stoke, Wolverhampton and Millwall.

Reports suggest the clubs will discuss their demands for a greater share of income as well as their threat to split from the Football League and form a separate league.

The clubs say they have been ignored by the Football League and want more control over television revenue.

"As far as the latest rumours go, we take the view that a separate first division would have no credibility," said Andy Williamson assistant league secretary.

"We rather suspect this talk of a breakaway amounts to sabre-rattling aimed at engineering a greater share of any incremental money that might come into the Football League," Williamson added.

JOHANSSON READY TO RUN

UEFA president Lennart Johansson, whose proposals to reform world soccer have angered FIFA, said he was ready to run for the leadership of the game's top administrative body to ensure change.

Johansson, in Portugal for a meeting of Europe's soccer chiefs, said that he was prepared to stand in 1998 when veteran FIFA president Joao Havelange's mandate ends.

But Johansson, who wants to switch much of FIFA's power to regional soccer confederations, said much



Jean-Pierre Papin: Claimed AC Milan players bribed by Marseille.

could happen before then.

"It is a long way to the Moon and only in 1998 will I know whether I would have

the necessary support.

"That is if they don't kill me first," he said in joking reference to the controversy

being generated by the reforms that will be put to a meeting of UEFA member countries starting here on Wednesday.

The 75-year-old Havelange, who has run FIFA with a firm hand since 1974, says the reforms would undermine world soccer.

The proposals would transfer much of FIFA's powers to six confederations, leaving the presently all-powerful body with the organisation of international events such as the World Cup.

J-LEAGUE CHANGES FORMAT IN 1996

Japan's professional soccer league will adopt a single-series format next year instead of the current two-stage system, a league official said.

The official said next season would kick off in mid-March and end in November with one round of matches a week. Each J-League club would play the others twice during the season.

The league's board is expected to formally endorse the new formula on October 19, he said.

Under the current format, the season is split into two stages with the champions from each stage meeting in a two-leg final in December.

But players and coaches have complained about the tight, 52-match schedule with games every Wednesday and Saturday.

FERRY BAN UNDER FIRE

The ferry company refusing to carry football supporters to England for next year's European Championship finals came under fire from the tournament organisers.

Hitting out at the ban announced by North Sea Ferries, Euro 96 tournament director Glen Kirton said: "It is their loss. They are throwing away thousands of pounds worth of business that other companies will pick up."

"I have to say they are living in the past if they think they cannot carry customers to the tournament without big problems."

"The various national associations are taking steps to deter known trouble-causers from travelling to the European Championships."

Kirton added: "I am sure the fans will find alternative ways of travelling to the tournament — by air, other sea routes or the Channel Tunnel."

Kirton was speaking during a tour of Elland Road, one of eight grounds chosen to stage matches during next year's finals. He said: "Elland Road is one of the country's most up-to-date grounds and, in general, UEFA now believe we have some of the best football stadia in the world. I am satisfied preparations for Euro 96 are well on course."

2002 FINALS DECISION IN JUNE

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said it would decide next June whether to award the 2002 World Cup finals to Japan or South Korea.

FIFA officials had previously indicated the date might be brought forward to cut short the bitter campaigning between the two Asian rivals.

FIFA president Joao Havelange has always made it clear that he wanted the 2002 finals to be held in Asia for the first time to reflect the growing popularity of the sport and potentially huge television audiences.

Mexico, which originally said it would be a candidate for 2002, dropped out of the running last year when it became clear it stood no chance.

However, the bitterness of the contest has alarmed many soccer officials. South Korea has invoked images of Japan's record in World War II and said Japan has no right to host the competition as it has

never qualified for the soccer finals.

A South Korean official, Moon-Joon Chung, has been accused of using his position as a FIFA vice-president and Asian representative to try to swing voting.

At the same time, FIFA critics have pointed to the body's marketing links with Japanese companies as favoring Japan.

Proposals for Japan and South Korea to host the event jointly are considered unrealistic.

The 1998 finals will be held in France.

INTER WANT FERGUSON AS BOSS

Inter Milan soccer president Massimo Moratti would like to sign Manchester United's Alex Ferguson to replace Ottavio Bianchi as coach, according to Italian newspaper Corriere dello Sport.

Moratti, still keen on buying United's wayward French star Eric Cantona, said Ferguson and Ajax coach Louis Van Gaal were the best in Europe.

He was under the impression Ferguson was in conflict with United managing director Martin Edwards over the sale of Paul Ince to Inter.

AFRICAN STARS BANNED

Three Algerian players have been suspended by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) after violence following the Algeria-Guinea soccer match at the All Africa Games.

At the end of the match, which Guinea won 2-0, the Algerian players began punching and kicking the Guinea team. It took police three minutes to get the two sides off the pitch.

Algerian striker Bilal Zouani was banned for a year from playing in any CAF sponsored games.

CAF officials held him mainly responsible for starting the fighting.

Left back Tareck Ghoul and midfielder Hocine Bouaicha were suspended for two matches.

Guinea midfield star Fode Camara, sent off after spitting at an Algerian player, was also banned for two matches, ruling him out of the final if Guinea wins its semi-final against Zimbabwe.

Weah threatens to demolish mansion

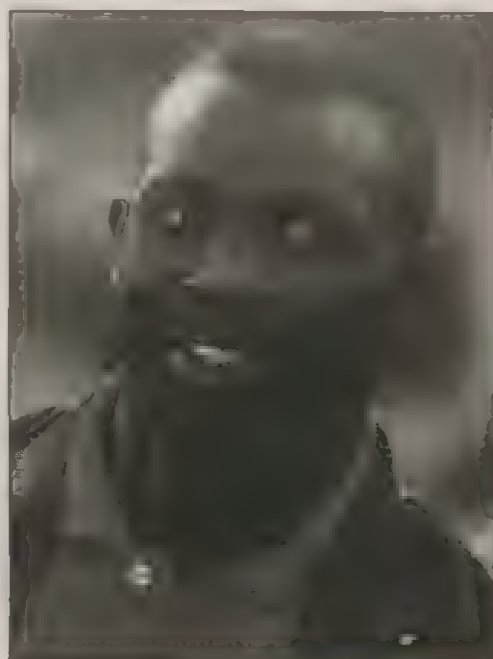
Liberian soccer star George Weah says people disputing his right to land on which he built his Monrovia mansion are trying to cash in on his success and that he will pull it down rather than pay what they demand.

Striker Weah, who plays with Italian club AC Milan, told listeners to a Liberian phone-in show the dispute would not stop him playing for Liberia in the 1996 African Nations Cup finals in South Africa if selected.

"I'd like the public to know that this issue of my house and the land ownership will have nothing to do with my participation and support for Liberia in South Africa," he said.

"I know how much a parcel of land costs in Liberia, so I'm not prepared to pay the money one of the alleged landowners is claiming. I think people who feel I have a lot of money are trying to exploit me," he added.

At least three people have claimed ownership of the land on which Weah built his home. The house boasts nine bedrooms and is carpeted throughout - luxuries in a country



George Weah: Embroiled in land ownership dispute.

devastated by over five years of civil war and where tens of thousands are homeless. Sources close to the builders say the house, which features a basketball court and a soccer pitch, cost \$A132,890 to put up.

Weah says he has documents to prove he bought the land in 1993. An initial court ruling went against him but the country's sports authorities are now

pursuing the case for him.

Liberian Sports Minister Francois Massaquoi said on the program he was seeking a solution. "I will do everything possible to end this land dispute," he added.

Weah, who is leading Liberia's national side, the Lone Stars, to their first African Nations Cup finals, was twice named African footballer of the year.

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal 4 (Bergkamp 17th, 68th, Adams 23rd, Wright 73rd) Southampton 2 (Watson 24th, Monkou 45th). Halftime: 2-2.
Attendance: 38,136.
Aston Villa 1 (Townsend 68th) Nottingham Forest 1 (Lytle 87th) 0-0. Attendance: 33,972.
Blackburn 5 (Shearer 8th, 60th, 67th, Hendry 23rd, Pearce 75th). Coventry 1 (Ndlovu 34th) 2-1.
Attendance: 24,382.
Liverpool 5 (Fowler 11th, 30th, 46th, 67th, Harkness 83rd). Bolton 2 (Todd 77th, Patterson 81st pen) 2-0. Attendance: 40,104.
Manchester City 0 Middlesbrough 1 (Barnby 16th) 0-1.
Attendance: 25,865.
Sheffield Wednesday 0 Manchester United 0.
Attendance: 34,101.
West Ham 2 (Dicks, 7th and 43rd penalties) Everton 1 (Samways 40th) 2-1.
Attendance: 21,085.
Wimbledon 2 (Holdsworth 43rd, Reeves 58th) Leeds 4 (Palmer 32nd, Yeboah 42nd, 45th, 73rd) 1-3.
Attendance: 13,307.
Newcastle 2 (Ferdinand 42st, 57th) Chelsea 0.
Attendance: 36,225.
Playing Monday:
Queen's Park Rangers v Tottenham

DIVISION ONE

Barnsley	2	Derby	0
Grimsby	2	Norwich	2
Ipswich	1	Charlton	3
Leicester	1	Southend	3
Millwall	1	Sunderland	2
Oldham	3	Crystal Palace	1
Portsmouth	0	Tranmere	2
Reading	2	Port Vale	2
Watford	1	Birmingham	1
Wolverhampton	0	Luton	0
Huddersfield	1	Sheffield United	22
Stoke	2	West Bromwich	1

DIVISION TWO

Blackpool	2	Crewe	1
Bristol Rovers	2	Brentford	0
Carlisle	2	Hull	0
Chesterfield	4	Burnley	2
Notts County	2	Bristol City	2
Peterborough	3	Bradford	1
Shrewsbury	1	Stockport	2
Swansea	1	Oxford	1
Swindon	1	Rotherham	0
Wycombe	1	Wrexham	1
York	1	Walsall	0
Bournemouth	3	Brighton	1

DIVISION THREE

Bury	0	Barnet	0
Chester	1	Gillingham	1
Colchester	2	Hereford	0
Darlington	1	Scarborough	2
Doncaster	0	Rochdale	3
Exeter	2	Leyton Orient	2
Fulham	2	Preston	2
Hartlepool	2	Cardiff	1
Lincoln	1	Cambridge	3
Mansfield	1	Scunthorpe	1
Torquay	3	Northampton	0
Wigan	0	Plymouth	1

CYPRUS FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Omonia	2	Anorthosis	0
Salamina	1	AEK	4
Paralimni	4	AEK	1
Aris	3	Evagoras	0
Olympiakos	1	Aradippou	1
Apollon	2	Ethikos	0
AEK	3	AEK	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP DRAW SEMI FINALS

Rangers v Aberdeen
Dundee v Airdrieonians

Matches to be played on October 24-25.

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Salgueiros	1	Tirsense	1
Uniao de Leiria	2	Estrela Amadora	1
Campomaiorense	2	Gil Vicente	0
Braga	1	Chaves	0
Boavista	2	Leca	0
Farense	0	Sporting	1
Felgueiras	1	Porto	1
Maritimo	4	Guimaraes	0
Benfica	1	Belenenses	0

TABLE

Boavista	5	4	1	0	9	2	13
Porto	5	4	1	0	8	2	13
Benfica	5	3	2	0	4	1	11
Guimaraes	5	3	1	1	6	5	10
Sporting	5	3	1	1	12	4	10
Braga	5	3	1	1	7	6	10
Maritimo	5	3	0	2	12	5	9
Belenenses	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Felgueiras	5	1	3	1	6	5	6
Farense	5	2	0	3	4	5	6
Salgueiros	5	1	3	1	6	4	6
Uniao Leiria	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
Leca	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
Tirsense	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Amadora	5	1	0	4	4	6	3
Gil Vicente	5	1	0	4	3	8	3
Campomaiorense	5	1	0	4	5	13	3
Chaves	5	0	2	3	6	10	2

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

— September 23 —

Falkirk	0	Motherwell	0
Hearts	0	Celtic	4
Kilmarnock	1	Aberdeen	2
Raith	3	Partick	1
Rangers	0	Hibernian	1

DIVISION ONE

Dumbarton	1	Dundee	5
Dundee United	1	Airdrieonians	2
Greenock Morton	2	Dunfermline	0
Hamilton	2	St Mirren	2
St Johnstone	2	Clydebank	2

DIVISION TWO

Berwick	1	Forfar	0
Clyde	0	Stenhousemuir	1
East Fife	2	Queen of South	1
Montrose	0	Ayr	1
Stranraer	0	Stirling	0

DIVISION THREE

Alloa	0	Caledonian	5
Arbroath	2	East Stirling	2
Livingston	2	Albion	1
Queen's Park	0	Brechin	2
Ross County	2	Cowdenbeath	2

SWEDISH FIRST DIVISION

— September 19 —

Gothenburg	2	Malmo	1
Helsingborg	3	Degerfors	3
Hammarby	0	Orgryte	1
Norrkoping	1	Halmstad	1
Orebro	1	Oster	0
Trelleborg	2	Vastra Frolunda	0
AIK	1	Djurgarden	2

TABLE

Helsingborg	20	10	5	5	31	21	35
Gothenburg	20	9	7	4	34	18	34
Djurgarden	20	9	7	4	30	23	34
Halmstad	20	9	6	5	33	26	33
Orebro	20	8	6	6	26	22	30
Malmo	20	7	9	4	24	22	30
Orgryte	20	7	6	7	15	20	27
AIK	20	6	7	7	28	29	25
Trelleborg	20	5	8	7	25	24	23
Norrkoping	20	6	5	9	22	30	23
Oster	20	4	9	7	32	33	21
Degerfors	20	3	10	7	22	38	19
Vastra Frolunda	20	3	9	8	23	31	18
Hammarby	20	4	6	10	18	26	18

POLISH FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Siarka Tarnobrzeg	0	Slask Wroclaw	0
Legia Warszawa	2	Amica Wronki	0
Lech Poznan	1	Rakow Czestochowa	2
Zaglebie Lubin	1	LKS-Ptak Lodz	0
Sokol niewy	1	Gornik Zabrze	2
Hutnik Krakow	2	Pogon Szczecin	0

GKS Katowice.....3 GKS Belchatow1
Stal Mielec2 Olimpia-Lechia.....1
Widzew Lodz v Stomil Olsztyn postponed

TABLE

Legia Warszawa	9	8	0	1	23	8	24
Widzew Lodz	8	7	1	0	20	3	22
GKS Katowice	9	5	2	2	14	7	17
Stomil Olsztyn	8	5	1	2	10	7	16
Pogon Szczecin	9	5	0	4	12	12	15
Olimpia-Lechia	9	4	1	4	13	13	13
Zaglebie Lubin	9	3	3	3	11	9	12
LKS-Ptak Lodz	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
Amica Wronki	9	4	0	5	10	12	12
Stal Mielec	9	4	0	5	12	18	12
Hutnik Krakow	9	4	0	5	13	22	12
Lech Poznan	9	3	2	4	13	13	11
Gornik Zabrze	9	3	2	4	12	15	11
Rakow Czestochowa	9	3	1	5	9	12	10
Sokol Pniewy	9	2	2	5	11	21	8
Slask Wroclaw	9	1	4	4	7	10	7
GKS Belchatow	9	2	1	6	10	14	7
Siarka Tarnobrzeg	9	0	5	4	5	12	5

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

Israel3 Uruguay.....1
(half-time 1-0)
Scorers: Israel - Eli Ohana 33rd, Reuven Atar 57th, Eli Dricks 74th. Uruguay - Marcelo Oteolo 64th. Crowd: 9,000.
Greece.....0 Yugoslavia.....2
Scorers: Yugoslavia - Dragan Curcic 55th, Savo Milosevic 85th. Crowd: 30,000.

SWISS FIRST DIVISION

— September 20 —

Neuchatel Xamax	4	Lausanne	2
Servette	2	Lugano	3
Sion	1	Lucerne	3
FC Zurich	0	Young Boys	0

TABLE

Grasshopper	9	7	1	1	21	8	22
Lucerne	11	6	2	3	19	15	20
Sion	10	6	1	3	14	13	19
Neuchatel	11	6	1	4	21	15	19
Basle	11	5	1	5	16	15	13
Aarau	10	4	1	5	16	15	13
St Gallen	11	3	4	4	15	15	13
Lausanne	11	3	3	5	13	14	12
Lugano	10	3	3	4	12	17	12
Young Boys	10	2	5	3	6	11	11
Servette	11	2	4	5	15	15	10
FC Zurich	11	1	4	6	7	21	7

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Feyenoord Rotterdam 4 (Larsson 8th and 52nd, Trustfull 66th, Taument 90th) RKC Waalwijk 2 (Muller 57th, Van Rijswijk 69th). Halftime: 1-0.
Attendance: 27,409.
Twente Enschede 2 (Hoogma 61st, Bruggink 64th) Groningen 2 (Beerens 37th, Sion 86th). Halftime: 0-1.
Attendance: 6,021.
Vitesse Arnhem 2 (Jochemsen 33rd, Laamers 74th) Willem II Tilburg 2 (Van de Berg 3rd, Van de Vegt 67th). Halftime: 1-1.
No attendance given.
NAC Breda 0 Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Kluivert 63rd). Halftime: 0-0.
Attendance: 10,845.
Played on Saturday:
Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 (Decheiver, pen 80th) Sparta Rotterdam 3 (Fortes 71st, D. de Nooijer 73rd and 87th). Halftime: 0-0.
Attendance: 6,000.
Heerenveen 2 (Hansma 64th, Tammer, pen 73rd) De Graafschap Doetinchem 2 (Van de Brink 27th, Breetveld 52nd). Halftime: 0-1.
Attendance: 13,200.
Volendam 0 PSV Eindhoven 5 (Ronaldo 15th, Numan 30th, Pahlplatz 37th, Cocu 48th, Jonk 89th). Halftime: 0-3.
Attendance: 6,000.
Fortuna Sittard 1 (Hamming 62nd) NEC Nijmegen 1 (Koning 17th). Halftime: 0-1.
Attendance: 5,300.
Utrecht 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 1 (Roelofsen 19th). Halftime: 0-1.
Attendance: 7,500.

TABLE

Ajax Amsterdam	6	6	0	0	23	0	18
PSV Eindhoven	6	5	0	1	17	5	15
Willem II Tilburg	6	4	2	0	16	3	14
Feyenoord Rotterdam	6	3	2	1	17	9	11
Groningen	6	3	2	1	11	6	11
Sparta Rotterdam	6	3	1	2	10	13	10
Heerenveen	6	2	3	1	9	11	9
Roda JC Kerkrade	6	1	4	1	4	4	7
RKC Waalwijk	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
NEC Nijmegen	6	2	1	3	7	14	7
Twente Enschede	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
NAC Breda	6	1	2	3	7	8	5
De Graafschap Doet.	6	1	2	3	9	13	5
Vitesse Arnhem	6	1	2	3	6	10	5
Utrecht	6	1	2	3	3	9	5
Go Ahead Eagles Dev.	6	1	1	4	7	14	4
Fortuna Sittard	6	1	1	4	3	14	4
Volendam	6	1	1	4	3	17	4

BELGIAN FIRST DIVISION

— September 23 —

Loimel	2	Club Brugge	2
Ghent	4	Seraing	2
Standard Liege	1	Sint-Truiden	1
Cercle Brugge	2	Ekeren	2
Lierse	2	Charleroi	1
Molienbeek	0	Aalst	0
Beveren	5	Waregem	1
Antwerp	1	Mechelen	2
Harelbeke	0	Anderlecht	4

TABLE

Club Brugge	10	7	2	1	24	8	23
Lierse	10	6	2	2	17	11	2
Anderlecht	9	6	0	3	18	9	18
Aalst	10	5	3	2	16	9	18
Standard Liege	10	4	5	1	18	9	17
Molienbeek	10	4	5	1	10	8	17
Harelbeke	10	5	1	4	14	12	16
Charleroi	10	4	4	2	19	16	16
Beveren	10	4	1	5	14	14	13
Mechelen	10	3	3	4	14	22	12
Cercle Brugge	10	2	6	2	13	16	12
Sint-Truiden	10	3	2	5	13	20	11
Antwerp	9	3	1	5	13	15	10
Seraing	10	3	1	6	14	20	10
Ekeren	8	2	3	3	12	11	9
Ghent	10	2	3	5	14	18	9
Lommel	10	1	2	7	10	19	5
Waregem	10	1	2	7	8	24	5

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

Montpellier	10	4	2	4	12	12	14
Strasbourg	10	3	4	3	14	11	13
Nice	10	3	4	3	10	9	13
Nantes	10	3	4	3	11	12	13
St Etienne	10	3	3	4	15	16	12
Rennes	10	3	1	6	10	17	10
Queugnon	10	2	4	4	9	16	10
Martignes	10	3	1	6	7	14	10
Le Havre	10	3	1	6	5	16	10
Lyon	10	2	3	5	10	15	9
Cannes	10	3	0	7	13	19	9
Lille	10	1	2	7	7	17	5

J LEAGUE

— September 23 —

Verdy Kawasaki	7	Kashiwa Reysol	1
Nagoya Grampus 8	2	Urawa Red Diamonds	1
Yokohama Marinos	2	Jubilo Iwata	1
Kashima Antlers	2	Sanfrecce Hiroshima	1
Cerezo Osaka	5	Yokohama Flugels	1
Gamba Osaka	1	Shimizu S-Pulse	0

(after extra time)

Bellmare Hiratsuka	2	JEF Ichihara	2
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(5-4 on penalties)

TABLE

Verdy	11	9	2	30	11	28
Grampus	11	8	3	21	13	24
S-Pulse	11	8	3	15	8	24
Marinos	11	7	4	17	12	21
JEF	11	7	4	19	19	21
Reds	11	6	5	19	13	18
Antlers	11	6	5	23	19	18
Reysol	11	6	5	24	25	18
Cerezo	11	4	7	14	15	12
Jubilo	11	4	7	16	19	12
Flugels	11	4	7	12	27	12
Sanfrecce	11	3	8	7	17	1
Gamba	11	3	8	17	27	9
Bellmare	11	2	9	17	26	7

(Note: No draws in J.League. Standings are determined by number of wins)

AUSTRIAN FIRST DIVISION

— September 23 —

FC Tirol Innsbruck	3	Austria Vienna	1
GAK	1	Admira Wacker	1
Vorwaerts Steyr	0	SV Ried	2
Rapid Vienna	3	SV Salzburg	1
Linzer ASK	2	Sturm Graz	1

TABLE

Linzer ASK	9	4	4	1	10	6	16
Sturm Graz	9	5	0	4	19	12	15
SV Salzburg	9	4	3	2	14	11	15
GAK	9	4	2	3	17	13	14
FC Tirol Innsbruck	9	4	1	4	16	14	13
SV Ried	9	3	3	3	14	15	12
Austria Vienna	9	3	2	4	12	10	11
Admira Wacker	9	2	3	4	9	17	9
Vorwaerts Steyr	9	0	0	9	3	24	0

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE

DIVISION A

OFK Beograd	0	Vojvodina	1
Becej	1	Red Star	3
Mapredak	0	Proleter	3
Radnicki (N)	2	Zemun	1
Partizan	3	Buducnost	2

TABLE

Partizan	7	7	0	0	21	5	21
Vojvodina	7	6	0	1	16	5	18
Red Star	7	5	0	2	22	9	15
Radnicki (N)	7	4	1	2	10	9	13
Becej	7	3	1	3	12	7	10
Proleter	7	3	0	4	8	10	9
Zemun	7	3	0	4	6	9	9
OFK Beograd	7	1	1	5	11	25	4
Buducnost	7	1	0	6	10	18	3
Mapredak	7	0	1	6	5	24	1

DIVISION B

Loznica	2	Obilic	1
Hajduk	1	Mladost (L)	1
Cukaricki	3	Radnicki (B)	1
Mladost (BJ)	0	Rad	4
Sloboda	3	Borac	1

TABLE

Rad	7	4	2	1	17	5	14
Cukaricki	7	3	4	0	8	2	13
Radnicki (B)	7	4	1	2	14	11	13
Mladost (L)	7	3	2	2	7	7	11
Sloboda	7	3	1	3	9	7	10

Borac	7	2	2	3	4	9	8
Mladost (BJ)	7	2	2	3	7	13	8
Loznica	7	2	1	4	10	13	7
Obilic	7	1	3	3	9	15	6
Hajduk	7	1	3	3	4	7	4

ALBANIAN FIRST DIVISION

— September 23 —

Albpetrol	2	Shkumbini	1
Besa	2	Apolonia	2
Beselidhja	0	Shqiponja	1
Elbasani	0	Vllaznia	1
Flamurtari	1	Tomori	0
Sopoti	1	Skenderbeu	0
Teuta	4	Kastrioti	2
Tirana	1	Partizani	2

TABLE

Tirana	4	3	0	1	7	4	8
Teuta	4	2	1	1	11	8	5
Olimpik	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Skenderbeu	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Flamurtari	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Albpetrol	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Elbasani	4	1	2	1	2	1	5
Partizani	4	2	0	2	6	6	5
Shqiponja	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Apolonia	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Shkumbini	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Tomori	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Besa	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Sopoti	4	2	0	2	3	3	4
Vllaznia	4	1	1	2	2	6	4
Kastrioti	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Beselidhja	4	1	0	3	2	6	2
Laci	4	0	1	3	5	12	1

Note: Teams get three points for an away win, two points for a home win, one for a draw and no points for a defeat.

GREEK FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Apollon	0	Athinaikos	0
Edessaikos	3	Larissa	1
Ethnikos	0	AEK	3
Iraklis	2	Kalamata	1
OPI	3	Xanthi	0
Panathinaikos	1	Ionikos	2
Paniliakos	1	PAOK	1
Aris	0	Olympiakos	0
Panathinaikos	5	Panionios	3

TABLE

OPI	4	4	0	0	16	5	12
Panathinaikos	4	4	0	0	10	4	12
Olympiakos	4	3	1	0	6	1	10
Ionikos	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
AEK	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
Iraklis	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
Panathinaikos	4	2	0	2	9	4	6
Apollon	4	1	2	1	4	1	5
PAOK	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Edessaikos	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Kalamata	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Aris	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Xanthi	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Panionios	4	1	0	3	7	10	3
Paniliakos	4	0	2	2	1	7	2
Athinaikos	4	0	1	3	1	4	1
Ethnikos	4	0	0	4	4	12	0
Larissa	4	0	0	4	3	14	0

GERMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

— September 23 —

Cologne 1 (Polster 76th minute penalty) Freiburg 1 (Wassmer 40). Halftime: 0-1.

Attendance: 21,000.

Werder Bremen 1 (Basler 6) Kaiserslautern 1 (Hollerbach 84). Halftime: 1-0.

Attendance: 26,863.

Bayern Munich 1 (Klinsmann pen, 89) Bayer Leverkusen 0. Halftime: 0-0.
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Attendance: 63,000.

VfB Stuttgart 5 (Bobic 19 and 60, Elber 29 and 67, Balakow 51) Borussia Moenchengladbach 0. Halftime: 2-0.
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Attendance: 38,000.

Hamburg 0 Karlsruhe 0. Halftime: 0-0.

Attendance: 14,816.

Hansa Rostock 2 (Beinlich 11, Baumgart 70)
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St. Pauli 0. Halftime: 1-0.

Attendance: 25,000.

Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Schupp 13th minute, Ekstrom 35, Raufmann 43) Borussia Dortmund 4 (Moeller 27, Zorc 37, Herrlich 46, Ricken 82).
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Halftime 3-2. Attendance 49,000.

Fortuna Duesseldorf 1 (Seeliger, 86) Uerdingen 0. Schalke 1 (Mulder, 3rd) 1860 Munich 1 (Tares 84th). Halftime: 1-0. Attendance: 32,600.
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TABLE

Bayern Munich	7	7	0	0	19	6	21
Borussia Dortmund	7	4	2	1	19	12	14
Bayer Leverkusen	7	3	3	1	10	5	12
Werder Bremen	7	3	3	1	9	8	12
Hansa Rostock	7	3	2	2	14	11	11
St Pauli	7	3	1	3	12	12	10
Borussia Moench.	7	3	1	3	10	14	10
Schalke	7	2	4	1	8	8	10
VfB Stuttgart	7	2	3	2	14	13	9
Eintracht Frankfurt	7	2	2	3	13	14	8
Fortuna Duesseldorf	7	1	5	1	9	10	8
Karlsruhe	7	2	2	3	9	12	8
Uerdingen	7	1	4	2	5	5	7
Cologne	7	1	3	3	6	8	6
Kaiserslautern	7	1	3	3	9	13	6
1860 Munich	7	1	2	4	8	15	5
Hamburg	7	0	5	2	11	13	5
Freiburg	7	1	1	5	4	10	4

BULGARIAN FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Lokomotiv Sofia	4	Rakovski	1
Spartak Varna	2	Shumen	0
Dobrudzha	2	CSKA	0
Lokomotiv Plovdiv	2	Levski Kyustendil	2
Neftohimik	1	Montana	0
Etar	1	Spartak Plovdiv	0
Levski	0	Slavia	0
Lovech	3	Botev	0

TABLE

Neftohimik	7	6	1	0	14	5	19
Lokomotiv Sofia	7	4	2	1	17	6	14
Levski Sofia	7	4	2	1	8	2	14
Slavia	7	4	1	2	8	2	13
Dobrudzha	7	4	1	2	6	4	13
Levski Kyustendil	7	3	3	1	11	6	12
Montana	7	3	2	2	6	4	11
CSKA	7	3	1	3	11	11	10
Botev	7	3	0	4	9	9	9
Etar	7	3	0	4	3	7	9
Spartak Varna	7	2	2	3	7	11	8
Lokomotiv Plovdiv	7	2	1	4	5	12	7
Rakovski	7	2	0	3	6	11	6
Shumen	7	1	2	4	3	10	5
Lovech	7	1	2	4	4	9	5
Spartak Plovdiv	7	0	2	5	3	14	2

CROATIAN PREMIER DIVISION

— September 24 —

Croatia	1	Hajduk	0
Varteks	1	Segesta	0
Rijeka	0	Osijek	2
Cibalia	2	Zagreb	1
Sibenik	4	Marsonia	0
Istra	0	Inker	1

TABLE

Croatia	8	7	0	1	17	3	21
Hajduk	8	5	2	1	18	5	17
Varteks	8	5	0	3	11	9	15
Sibenik	8	4	1	3	15	11	13
Osijek	8	4	1	3	10	6	13
Rijeka	8	3	1	4	14	13	10
Marsonia	8	3	1	4	7	12	10
Cibalia	8	2	3	3	12	17	9
Segesta	8	2	2	4	11	16	8
Zagreb	8	2	1	5	7	12	7
Inker	8	2	1	5	9	16	7
Istra	8	1	3	4	4	15	6



SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



IN BRIEF...

Another Uruguayan international Diego Martin Dorta, also from Penarol signed with Independiente of Argentina. Dorta, Uruguayan "Player of the Year" in 1994 was linked with Italian club Cagliari, but negotiations between the player's manager, Francisco Casal and Cagliari's official never reached an agreement.

The president of the Colombian Football Federation, Jose Bellini has been investigated by the country's Federal Police. Bellini is accused of having commercial and financial links with members of the Cali Cartel, one of the most powerful drug cartels in Colombia.

Argentine first division club, Huracan, sacked its coach, Jorge Habbeger after only four rounds. And was quickly replaced by Uruguayan tactician Nelson Chabay who guided Colon of Santa Fe to win promotion to the Argentine first division. Habbeger's stints with Argentine clubs were unsuccessful. Two years ago he was sacked by Boca Juniors. Nevertheless, his performance with Bolivian club Bolivar of La Paz were highly successful in the past. He should go back to the height of the Andes.

Former Mexican coach, Miguel Mejia Baron won't be in charge of the national team of El Salvador after all. Instead, he signed a contract with the Honduran Football Federation to coach their national side until 1998.

Argentine club River Plate coaching staff is the most expensive in the country. Its annual income is US\$1,047,620 plus bonuses.

Argentine international goalkeeper Rolando Cristante is back in Mexico with Toluca. Cristante failed to secure a contract with a top club in his home country.

Former Real Madrid striker and five times the highest scorer of the Spanish first division league, the legendary Hugo Sanchez, won't play for Huracan of Argentina. He is going to a first division Austrian club until June 1996. By then, Sanchez will be involved with the American Soccer league, scheduled to start the first week of July.

Former Uruguayan international goalkeeper Oscar Ferro was transferred from Uruguay's champion team, Penarol to Argentine first division club, Ferro Carril Oeste for an undisclosed figure. Ferro was distinguished by the prestigious magazine "El Grafico" as the best keeper in the first four rounds of the local league.

In Peru, Alianza Lima leads the national league after its 3-2 win over Leon of Huanuco. Alianza with 53, is two points ahead of last season's champion Sporting Cristal. In Venezuela Caracas, who drew 1-1 with Deportivo Italia, joined Minerven at the top of the table. Both teams have seven points, three more than Deportivo Italia and Valencia.

In Ecuador Nacional leads group A with 13 points followed by Barcelona and Green Cross with 11 while in group B, Aucas, Emelec and Espoli are joint leaders with 10.

Chilean tactician Ramon Estay will coach Peruvian first division club Deportivo Municipal, replacing Julio Cesar Uribe, Peru's former international star who will take over Alianza Lima's coaching position left vacant, last week, by Estay. Is it clear?

IN BRIEF...

Catolica wins Copa Chile

Universidad Catolica, last years Chilean national league runners-up, was crowned Copa Chile champions after its 4-2 win over Cobreloa at Santiago's national stadium, in front of only 8,000 spectators.

The "students" were 3-2 ahead at the end of the first 45 minutes.

Catolica's Argentine striker, Alberto Acosta, opened the score in the 7th

minute and Chilean youth international, Sebastian Rozenthal added the second after an excellent individual effort.

Five minutes later, Marcelo Miranda with a perfect lob over Catolica's keeper Tapia pulled one back for Cobreloa. But in the 36th minute, Rodrigo Barrera increased Catolica's lead.

Once again, Cobreloa reduced the deficit in the

44th, when striker Pedro Gonzalez scored from the penalty spot.

In the 22nd minute of the second half an own goal from Cobreloa's defender Miguel Rojas settled the matter in favor of Catolica.

Alberto Acosta was the highest scorer of the tournament with ten goals. The Argentine international was also named man of the match against Cobreloa.

The referee, Eduardo Gamba showed the yellow card to Catolica's goalkeeper Nelson Tapia. The player refused to change his black jumper, which clashed with the referee, and the match was delayed for almost 15 minutes.

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CATOLICA: Tapia, Lopez, Ardaman, Lepe, Salinas, Gorosito, Espinoza, Acosta, Rozenthal, Barrera (Ceballos), Lizama.

COBRELOA: Berrios, Puebla, Rojas, Jaque, Donoso, Muenia, Cornejo, Miranda (Salinas), Carreno, Alvarez, Gonzalez.



Sebastian Rozenthal: Scored for Universidad Catolica.

SUPER CUP

First Round First Leg

Gremio, Brazil 3 (Adilson 65, Jarde 66, Paulo Nunes 78) Racing, Argentina 1 (Lopez 62). Sent off: Reinoso (52), Capria (73) both Racing. Attendance: 8,000

First Round Second Leg

Boca Juniors, Argentina 1 (Pico 16) Olimpia, Paraguay 2 (Sanabria 80, Gonzalez 83). Olimpia win 3-2 on aggregate. Sent off: Fabbri (38) Boca Estudiantes, Argentina 2 (Lemma 54, Romeo 63) Nacional, Uruguay 2 (Lemos 41 Canobbio 71) Nacional win 6-2 on aggregate. Sent off: Pratola (84) and Lemma (90) both Estudiantes. Attendance: 2,000

The Super Cup is a competition for past winners of the Libertadores Cup.

MARADONA BLASTS FELLOW STARS

Diego Maradona blasted fellow soccer celebrities for failing to turn up at an all-stars benefit match in Turkey for Bosnian children.

"I won't forgive them for not appearing at such a helpful event when they said they would," Anatolian news agency quoted Maradona as saying after last week's game in Istanbul.

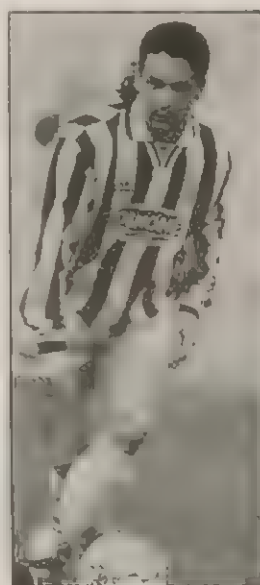
"It's a disgrace for the footballing family, I'm ashamed," said Maradona who did not play in the game between a World X1 and a Turkish X1 because of his continuing suspension for failing a dope test at

the 1994 World Cup finals.

Organisers had said they were expecting a host of stars including Brazil's Bebeto, Roberto Baggio and Liberian striker George Weah of AC Milan, Barcelona's Jose Maria Bakero, and Real Madrid's Michael Laudrup.

Maradona made a speech on the pitch and presented medals to the teams. The World side, made up mostly of Spanish league players and foreigners playing in Turkey, lost 4-1.

Roberto Baggio: Failed to appear.



Argentine master aids South Korea 2002 bid

Argentine football star Diego Maradona arrived in Seoul, South Korea, last week for his first match after serving a ban for failing drug tests, a spokesman of the Korea Football Association (KFA) said.

Maradona will be joined by Boca Juniors, a leading Argentine

professional team, for a match against the South Korean national team on September 30, the spokesman said.

The match will be Maradona's first public performance after he completed a ban imposed on him for using stimulants during the 1994 World Cup

finals.

Maradona has been banned twice in the last four years for failing drug tests.

During his stay in Seoul, Maradona will also take part in a publicity campaign for South Korea's bid to host the 2002 World Cup and give football lessons to children.

Spain enhance status

Juan Pizzi, Argentine-born but a naturalised Spaniard, thrust Spain to a 2-1 win over Argentina in a high-quality soccer friendly in the Vicente Calderon stadium, Madrid, last Wednesday.

Pizzi put Spain ahead after 35 minutes and substitute Julen Guerrero scored the second in the 68th minute, Argentina cutting the deficit through Ariel Ortega with 10 minutes left.

The result underlined Spain's status as a leading contender for next year's European Championships in England, for which they have already virtually qualified.

By contrast, the defeat puts more pressure on embattled Argentine coach Daniel Passarella, in the wake of failure in the recent South American championship and the growing controversy about his ban on long-haired players.

Passarella has provoked a storm of criticism, led by banned former captain Diego Maradona, for leaving out talented Real Madrid midfielder Fernando Redondo because of his flowing locks. Redondo was missed as the Spaniards threaded a series of penetrating moves through the central midfield channel normally controlled by the Real man.

Spain created several good chances in an attractive first half but it needed, ironically, Argentine-born Pizzi to break down the resolute visiting defence. Javier Manjarin centred from the right for Pizzi to head home unmarked.

Spain continued to dominate after the break and it was no surprise when Guerrero added a second after a shot from the purposeful Alfonso Perez had fallen kindly for him just three metres out.

The rapid young Spanish forwards were threatening to overwhelm the creaking Argentine defence, and Alfonso and Manjarin both came close to putting away a third.

Argentina, however, finally came to life in the dying minutes. Talented yet frustrating playmaker Ortega reduced the deficit on a Batistuta pass, and then fellow River Plate midfielder Marcelo Gallardo saw his attempted equaliser touched over by veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

Spain: 1-Zubizarreta, 2-Ferrer, 3-Sergi, 4-Alkorta, 5-Abelardo, 6-Nadal, 7-Camirero (17-Hierro, 45th min), 8-Fran (14-Guerrero, 58th), 9-Pizzi (16-Alfonso, 45th), 10-Donato, 11-Manjarin.

Argentina: 1-Burgos, 2-Ayala, 3-Chamot, 4-Zanetti, 5-Astrada, 6-Caceres, 7-Balbo, 8-Simeone, 9-Batistuta, 10-Ortega, 11-Borrelli (16-Gallardo, 61st).

Scorers: Spain- Pizzi 35th, Guerrero 68th.

Argentina - Ortega 80th.

Crowd: 32,000.

SOUTH AMERICA

Cruzeiro down Colo Colo

Brazilian club Cruzeiro drew 0-0 with Colo Colo of Chile last week to qualify for the quarter-finals of the South American Super Cup tournament.

Cruzeiro won the first leg of the tie 1-0 in Belo Horizonte two weeks ago.

Cruzeiro's Roberto Gaucha was sent off in the 85th minute after receiving a second warning from the referee.

Colo Colo, Chile 0 Cruzeiro, Brazil 0.

Cruzeiro qualifies 1-0 on aggregate for quarter-final.

ARGENTINE FIRST DIVISION

— September 24 —

Lanus.....	1	Colon.....	1
Newell's Old Boys.....	1	Gimnasia y Esgrima.....	1
Ferro Carril Oeste.....	0	Argentinos Juniors.....	0
Huracan.....	2	Belgrano de Cordoba.....	1
Estudiantes La Plata.....	1	Rosario Central.....	2
Racing Club.....	1	River Plate.....	1
Platense.....	2	San Lorenzo.....	3
Gimnasia Esgrima Jujuy.....	1	Velez Sarsfield.....	0
Boca Juniors.....	0	Independiente.....	0

Deportivo Espanol-Banfield play on Monday.

TABLE

Gimnasia Jujuy	6	4	1	1	10	8	13
San Lorenz	7	4	1	2	15	9	13
Racing Club	7	4	1	2	10	6	13
Velez Sarsfield	7	4	1	2	9	7	13
River Plate	7	3	4	0	8	4	13
Lanus	7	3	3	1	7	5	12
Platense	7	3	1	3	8	8	10
Gimnasia La Plata	7	2	4	1	6	5	10
Boca Juniors	6	2	4	0	7	5	10
Argentinos Juniors	7	2	3	2	7	5	9
Deportivo Espanol	6	1	4	1	4	4	7
Ferro Carril Oeste	7	1	4	2	7	7	7
Rosario Central	7	1	4	2	5	7	7
Newell's Old Boys	6	1	4	1	7	7	7
Colon	7	1	3	3	4	5	6
Banfield	6	1	2	3	4	6	5
Huracan	7	1	2	4	6	15	5
Independiente	6	0	5	1	4	5	5
Estudiantes La Plata	7	0	4	3	3	6	4
Belgrano Cordoba	7	0	3	4	2	9	3

Blades and Owls fans clash in Sheffield

Twenty-four people were taken to hospital after a fight involving up to 100 rival fans, police said on Sunday.

The fight, believed to have involved Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday fans, spilled on to the street after starting inside a city pub on Saturday night.

Most of the casualties were bystanders who suffered slight injuries from missiles which included bottles, ashtrays and stools. Most were allowed home after hospital treatment.

But one man remained in hospital with a serious neck wound and a possible fractured skull.

The fans ran off when police arrived and no arrests were made.

Police said detectives were investigating the possibility of a link with an attack on a Sheffield Wednesday fan who suffered a serious injury when a lump of concrete was thrown at his head.

Detective Sergeant Neil Hogg of South Yorkshire Police said: "There is not much history of football violence in Sheffield, although we are investigating links with the serious attack on the Wednesday fan."

"There is also a Sheffield United gang called the Blades Business Crew, but I can't say at this stage whether any organised group was involved in this."

Meanwhile, police in Nottinghamshire said a man was seriously injured when he was stabbed during a fight between supporters at non-league Grantham Town's home match with Nuneaton Borough.

Ajax maintain 100% record

Substitute Patrick Kluivert, scored in Ajax's 1-0 win over NAC Breda last Sunday to maintain the Amsterdam club's 100 percent record in the Dutch first division.

Kluivert, involved in a crash in which the driver of the other car was killed two weeks ago, came on at halftime and scored in the 63rd minute to break the deadlock for Ajax who until then had been unable to capitalise on their domination of the away match.

Ajax has won all their six games this season and have yet to concede a goal. They lead the table by three points from PSV Eindhoven who scored a 5-0 away win over Volendam on Saturday.

Willem II Tilburg were held to a 2-2 draw at Vitesse Arnhem and are a point behind PSV.

Swedish international Henrik Larsson scored twice to pilot fourth-placed Feyenoord Rotterdam to a 4-2 home win over RKC Waalwijk.

A free-kick by defender Ronald Koeman after eight minutes was stopped by RKC goalkeeper Hans Vonk but Larsson scored from the



Patrick Kluivert: Super sub for Ajax.

rebound. Vonk was to blame for Feyenoord's second in the 52nd minute, putting a goal kick straight to Larsson's feet and running out of his goal in a vain attempt to deny the Swedish striker.

RKC pulled one back five minutes later through midfielder Danny Muller but

in the 66th minute striker Gaston Taument received a long pass from Koeman and sent away midfielder Orlando Trustfull to make it 3-1 for Feyenoord.

Rene Rijswijk reduced the deficit with a header six minutes later but Taument scored Feyenoord's fourth in the final minute.

CELTIC REPLACE RANGERS

Celtic replaced arch-rival Rangers at the top of the Scottish premier division last Saturday when it won 4-0 at Hearts and Rangers surprisingly lost 0-1 at home to Hibernian.

Celtic, beaten 1-0 at home by Rangers in a League Cup match on Tuesday, won an astonishing game at Tynecastle which produced two sendings off and six bookings.

Celtic midfielder Peter Grant and Hearts striker Scott Letch walked after separate second half incidents.

Brian McLaughlin put Celtic 2-0 up inside nine minutes with Andy Walker adding two more in the second half to give Celtic the right tonic for next week's European Cup Winners Cup match against Dynamo Batumi of Georgia at Parkhead.

Rangers, who won their opening three matches, could find no reply to Darren Jackson's 64th-minute penalty which gave Hibs their first win against the champions in Glasgow since March 1990.

Rangers manager Walter Smith said afterwards that Richard Gough and Charlie Miller had collected injuries ahead of Wednesday's Champions League match against Borussia Dortmund in Glasgow.

"Gough took a kick on the shin and is doubtful for the game now," said Smith who added that Miller would need treatment for a couple of days but should be fit for Wednesday.

Raith Rovers, who face Akranes in the UEFA Cup next week, warmed up for that game with a 3-1 win over Partick with Colin Cameron scoring twice and Jason Dair once.

Raith boss Jimmy Nicholl said: "I was delighted with our first half performance and although things got a bit scrappy in the second period, I could not have asked any more of the players. It sets us up nicely for Tuesday night's match in Iceland but we have injury worries with Ally Graham, Davie Kirkwood and Tony Rougier."

Kilmarnock stayed bottom without a point after losing 2-1 at home to Aberdeen while Falkirk picked up its first point of the season with a 0-0 home draw against Motherwell.

Newcastle move two points clear

Les Ferdinand took Newcastle United back to the top of the Premier League in England by scoring both goals in a 2-0 home victory over Chelsea on Sunday.

Newcastle had briefly surrendered top spot to Manchester United, who moved a point clear with a scoreless draw against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday.

But Kevin Keegan's squad charged to the front two points ahead despite Keegan publicly wondering if his side could perform well in the absence of Peter Beardsley after its 1-0 defeat at Southampton two weeks ago.

The question was left unanswered when Beardsley returned for last week's drubbing of Manchester City.

But with Beardsley now out for a month after a knee operation and Frenchman David Ginola hobbling off early with a thigh injury, Chelsea's strong defending seemed a difficult obstacle for Newcastle to break down.

But Ferdinand showed just why Keegan splashed out \$A12.69 million to buy him, with the emphatic opener just before the interval.

And when the striker blocked a Dmitri Kharine clearance back into the



Les Ferdinand: Slotted home both Newcastle goals.

Chelsea net for his ninth of the campaign at the start of the second,

Keegan's side were headed back to the top despite never getting close

to top gear. With the masterly Ruud Gullit orchestrating

Chelsea's five-man defensive array, Newcastle's game just would not flow in the opening period.

When Ginola departed the fray in the 17th minute there was yet more pressure on the home side to show they could win despite missing their two most creative talents.

The game was meandering to the break when Ferdinand struck. Keith Gillespie picked up on the right and attacked Erland Johnsen, getting to the dead-ball line and pulling back to the near post.

Ruel Fox should have collected but missed to throw the Chelsea backline off balance and Ferdinand needed no second invitation, turning in an instant to crack home off the underside of the bar.

With Gullit looking to augment the Chelsea attack, Newcastle were looking far from convincing. But that all changed in the 58th minute.

Ferdinand outstripped Gullit as he raced onto Hislop's long ball, although Kharine was clearly the favourite.

But the Russian crashed his clearance against Ferdinand's body and could only hold his head as he watched the ball bounce off the striker and into the net.

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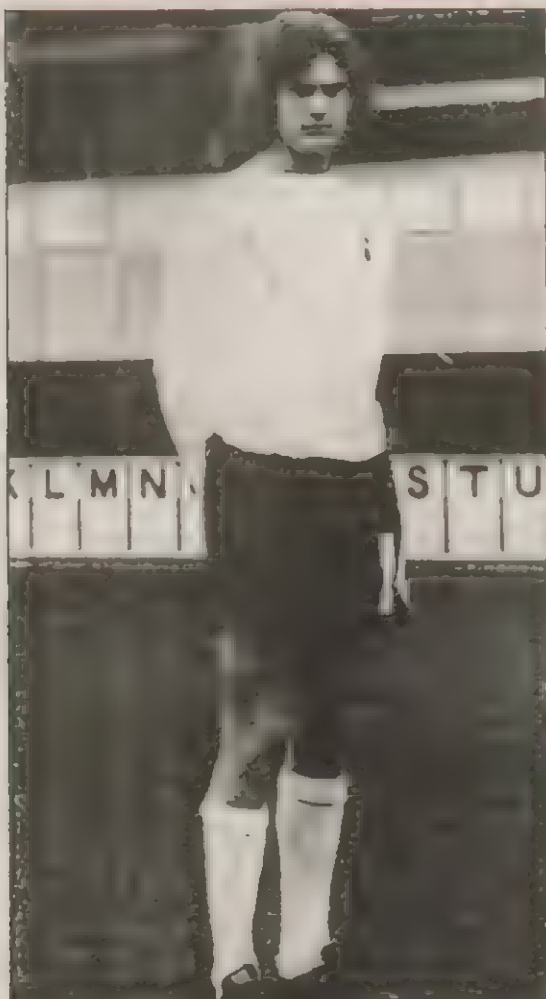
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Glenn Hoddle: "That must have been one hell of a pass".

Time for a few laughs

Enough of the "heavy stuff" for this week.

It's about time we had a few laughs, so here are some of the quirkiest things that have happened in our great game.

We've all heard of Hugh Grant I should think, but did you know he is a great fan of Fulham?

Such a fan is he that he has sponsored the kit of 'keeper Jim Stanard, to the tune of 300 quid this season! Must come as a bit of a blow to Jim?

Before the war in the good old days of a Division 3 North and South, Mansfield played in the latter and Crewe played in the former.

Mansfield is 25 miles NORTH of Crewe!

Polish side Wostyla once had a very famous 'keeper on their books, a certain Pope John Paul II.

Liam Daish of Birmingham City once scored against Chester after which one fan in the crowd threw a trumpet onto the pitch. Enjoying the moment, Daish picked it up and started to play only for the Referee to send him off for inappropriate behaviour.

After his transfer to Everton from Glasgow Rangers, Duncan Ferguson had a clause inserted into his contract that states he "must have a house that includes a pigeon loft!"

The one millionth game since the Football League started in 1888, occurred in 1971 between Hartlepool United and Brentford on March 15th. It finished 0-0.

One of the very first wingers to play for Arsenal women was a young 14 year old by the name of Samantha Fox!

On hearing that born-again Christian Glenn Hoddle had "found God", Comedian Jasper Carrot is reported as saying: "God, that must have been one hell of a pass!"

Hooliganism in the UK is one thing but after a violent encounter between Honduras and Ecuador in a World Cup qualifier in 1969, they began a three day war where over 1,000 people were killed!

Southampton are probably the only football team to field four England captains at the one time. In March 1981 in a match against Manchester United, they had: Kevin Keegan, Alan Ball, Dave Watson and Mick Channon in the side.

Now here's a hairy tale.

In 1980 Celtic travelled to Albania for a European Cup game but captain Danny McGrain couldn't enter the country because he refused to shave his beard off! Strange but true.

A fishy tale. A local butcher in 1911 donated a sheep to the first Morton player to score a goal.

Striker Tom Gracie duly obliged and won the lamb, which they nicknamed Toby. Toby became the team mascot.

After the game the team went for the usual celebrations to the pub.

The lamb was left in the players changing room until they returned but managed to fall into the bath and drown! (OK, so I lied about the fish!).

Poor old Chelsea. Having won the



Kevin Keegan: Played in a Southampton side which contained four England captains.

First Division title in 1954/55, the FA decided that the newly formed competition — the European Cup — was a waste of time and so banned them from taking part.

As we all know, the European Cup is probably the most prestigious club competition in the world.

Chelsea have never entered because they haven't won the league since that time.

Lastly, one for the Midlands fans, Birmingham City didn't enter the 1921 FA Cup competition... the secretary forgot to post the coupon off!

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Arsenal Team Photo		Donated by the club
Aberdeen Team Photo		Donated by the club
Plymouth Pennant		Donated by the club
Celtic Pennant		Donated by the club
Spurs Pennant		Donated by the club
Sloke City	Sir Stanley Matthews Autograph	Donated by the club
Chelsea Football		Donated by the club
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FAN ZINE REVIEW

NOT JUST A GAME

By Stephen F. Kelly

Not Just a Game is a book containing 100 of the best articles written on the world game during 1994/95.

It covers stories from the World Cup to the Premier League, from Baggio to Cantona, International matches to Sir Stanley Matthews turning eighty.

Added to this are the articles on present players like Alan Shearer, Jurgen Klinsman, Ryan Giggs, "Gazza", Ian Rush, Duncan Ferguson, Chris

Waddle, Paul Merson, Shaka Hislop (in his Reading days), Ally McCoist plus a certain "blast from the past" section with interview articles on ex-players like Bruce Rioch, George Graham, Peter Marinello, Danny Bergara, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Ray Wilkins and a whole host of other's including Pele.

After a look at the players past and present, you might enjoy a look at various clubs throughout the last season? These include: Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Newcastle United, Arsenal, Huddersfield, Carlisle United, Glasgow Rangers, Hitchin (where Cup dreams begin), Ajax and Everton to name but a few.

This particular segment also has the added bonus of the following chapters: "Why Scotland means the World to me" by Gordon Brown and "FC Barcelona and the Scottish Question" by Trevor Haylett, (I have no intention of telling you what these two chapters are about so you'll just have to buy the book for more details but you'll enjoy what you read anyway).

The first segment covers the World Cup which kicks off. "Balls, Bubbegum and Bowls" by Giles Smith which is obviously concerned with USA '94. This is closely followed by "Our Kid", written by Bobby Charlton about his brother "Jackie". But that's what this book is all about. Top professional writers of the game impart their knowledge,

interviews and thoughts (which originally appeared in the various tabloids of the UK).

There is serious journalism mixed with humour, joy, hand in hand with sorrow and tragedy but above all there is wealth of interesting, thought provoking reading.

One example is that by Simon Cheetham with his inclusion: Gladys Protheroe.

An excellent entry about the life and times of the lady from appearing as the Watford team mascot in the early 1920s to being capped for England 64 times (or "Bonnetts" as the ladies caps are called).

There is so much more to this book that it's really quite impossible to cover it all in any detail adequately. I've not even mentioned the sections covering

"The Business of Football" and "The Press". In the latter, Gary Lineker, Alan Hansen, Radio 5 Live, Peter Mellor, David Davies and David Meek come under the spotlight. There's even the odd reference to fanzines in some of the articles, so complete is the coverage contained within the pages.

As I've said, this book contains 100 of the BEST articles written on the game over the last season. When you consider just how many are written each week, let alone throughout each season cycle, you begin to realise that this is the cream on top of the milk.

Obviously there will be better articles than others but that, as ever, is a personal opinion and what you like might not be shared by someone else but one

thing is certain, this book has it all. Well written, interesting humorous and tragic.

"Not Just a Game" should be available from all good bookstores, published by "Headline" books and priced at \$16.95 rrp.

If you cannot obtain copies here, contact us and we'll be able to. I would certainly recommend everyone to buy a copy and read it as soon as possible.

The advantage is that it is a book that you can put down and take up again without losing the plot as each chapter is filled with articles as opposed to a storyline.

Do yourselves a favour, buy it, steal it, borrow it but above all, READ IT! You know it makes sense.

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

A guide to Football in Northern England

BY STUART JONES

Whilst in the UK I was lucky enough to see the revitalisation of northern football.

Newcastle is the first major example.

Its fortunes started when Keegan's side just avoided the drop into the second division a few seasons back.

Two seasons later they were in the Premier League.

The side now boasts some of the best talent in Europe.

I know it's impossible to get a ticket at St. James Park these days, the locals have to watch it on TVs in pubs around the ground.

They may be known as hard people but I found them friendly especially to anyone who knows their football.

The ground has turned into one of the great stadiums of Europe and will be a venue for Euro '96.

It is situated on a hill and although it can't really be seen for miles it does look foreboding for opposition teams.

This city is black and white all over and in one of the shopping walkways you come across a bronze statue of the legendry Jackie Milburn.

It is a city that has missed out on good football too long.

It is an overused term but this was a sleeping giant, unfortunately for the opposition it awoke just in time.

If it hadn't it probably would not exist any longer.

RATINGS OF ENGLISH GROUNDS

TEAM	BARNSELY	BIRMINGHAM CITY	BLACKBURN ROVERS
Ground	Oakwell Ground	St. Andrews	Ewood Park
Address	Grove St. Barnsley S711ET	St. Andrew's St Birmingham B94NH	Ewood Park Blackburn Lancashire BB24JF
Capacity	11,631	25,000	30,000
Seats	11,631	25,000	30,000
Record Gate	40,255 (1936)	68,844 (1939)	61,738 (1929)
Debut	1888	1906	1890
By Rail	Barnsley Exchange	Birmingham New St	Blackburn Central
Comments	Go by car if you can Nice new grandstand but it does get windy there. Its in a bit of a hollow. Locals are friendly and watch out for Michael Parkinson in the terraces.	Plenty of buses to ground. This new stadium is simply awesome. It's great to see a club look after its supporters so well. The supporters are the best and the buzz around the ground is great.	Fantastic new look to the ground. It is built up rather than wide. Blue dominates and Jack Walker's money has been well spent. Saying that, there are better new stadiums about. But it is still fantastic.
Accessibility Rating	3	3	3
Overall Ground Rating/10	6.5	8.5	8

Now Newcastle United have its own ice hockey and rugby union teams to spread the succes of the football club across many sports.

When people talk of big football clubs of the north these days they talk of Middlesbrough.

But in terms of history and potential Sunderland must come first (apologies to you Boro boys).

Sunderland has a long history and is currently suffering a low point in their history.

However the signs, while I was there, show things may be changing.

With Peter Reid as manager they have an astute and knowledgable leader. He gets the best out of the players and knows there strengths.

I saw them play Bolton and Reid got the very best out of half unfit Brett Angel, something Everton bosses could not do.

He talked up-beat about the club's potential to me, and I could see he believed it.

A few days later I looked at plans for a new stadium.

Unlike the Nissan stadium fiasco this one looks like a real goer and already has planning permission from

the local council.

It won't be too long before the Roker Roar (which is loud still) will be echoing all the way from the Wear to the Tyne.

Middlesbrough are currently buzzing.

Under Bryan Robson it is plain to see their improvement.

I was lucky enough to see the new ground (its damn hard to get to), and it looks great.

I just wonder why they have built a 28,000-30,000 all seater stadium, however if they were really positive why not build 40,000 and

make it the best, there is plenty of room.

The town is certainly proud of their new found fame and good luck to them, but I see this as a club with the least stable base.

Having watched Hartlepool play at the Victoria Ground I must say the side are where they belong.

The people at the club are nice, although some off the field financial-fiascos have not been good.

The club has been building a new stand for an eternity, its nice to know they are now doing something about it.

They will always be dominated by big local rivals.

If it is windy don't go. I sat in the back of the stand while it shook side to side wondering when I got to my car at the end of the game would it be flipped over by the wind.

Fortunately it wasn't but it was a genuine concern.

One good thing if the football is boring (they were playing Preston NE that day under John Beck so it was boring) you can watch what is going on in the North Sea just behind the ground.

But don't forget your watch otherwise you have to use the clock on the town hall tower to keep time!

Finally there is one Northern club on the other side of the country.

I have a confession to make: I love Carlisle United so this may be a bit biased but who cares.

United have the best team, the best stadium, and the best supporters in the country.

Well that's if you believe Mr Knighton's up-beat talk.

After last seasons success the whole town is buzzing. Before Mr Knighton took over the club were a laughing point, today even teams like Birmingham respect them.

Two years ago their merchandising section were losing 12,000 pounds a year.

Now they are turning over that amount each week (just before their Wembley trip).

The ground is being reconstructed and even the playing surface is being shifted slightly, so that a 22,000 seater stadium will be

built.

The Warwick Road end is buzzing with names like Walling, Reeves, Hayward, Mountfield, Aspinall and Thomas.

The club was genuinely friendly, and one game I did see, entailed a 600 mile round trip in a day.

They play football that flows, a great passing game.

It's a bit of a disadvantage playing at home as many games at Brunton Park are played on a soggy surface in the rain and sometimes in the snow.

But the warmth of the supporters is there.

We took 2,700 supporters to Wembley, and that day will long-live in my memory even though we lost in sudden death extra time.

Northern football is great at the moment. The sides play flowing football and tickets to the games are hard to come by. Leading is Newcastle but the others are following. From one side of the A66 to the other, most everyone are talking of winning football in the north of England.

CLUB

DIARY

1) The Dundalk Supporters Club will hold their first meeting on Wednesday 27th September in the upstairs bar of Kitty O'Shea's in Oxford St. Paddington, NSW at 8.00 p.m.

For more details contact: Tony Hughes (02) 665 9455 or Nigel Trainer (02) 664 1850.

2) UKSSD/AFSA giant charity auction and raffle will take place on Friday October 20th at the Bondi Diggers Club, Bondi, NSW.

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.30 kick-off.

Full details next week or ring 0055-26612 if you can't wait.

3) Calling all Southampton fans. The official Southampton Supporters Club of Australia has been up and running for some time now.

For more details please contact: Dave Searle, Flat 1/12 Chedworth Way, Eden Hill, WA 6154.



Bryan Robson: In charge at Middlesbrough.

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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

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	NOTTINGHAM F.	MANCHESTER C.	6
	TOTTENHAM	WIMBLEDON	7
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* SCOTTISH DIVISION 3

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 530

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ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION	ARSENAL	SOUTHAMPTON	1	4-2
	ASTON VILLA	NOTTINGHAM F.	2	1-1
	BLACKBURN	COVENTRY	3	5-1
	LIVERPOOL	BOLTON	4	5-2
	MAN. CITY	MIDDLESBRO	5	0-1
	SHEFF. WED.	MAN. UTD	6	0-0
	WEST HAM	EVERTON	7	2-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	WIMBLEDON	LEEDS	8	2-4
	BARNLEY	DERBY	9	2-0
	GRIMSBY	NORWICH	10	2-2
	IPSWICH	CHARLTON	11	1-5
	LEICESTER	SOUTHEND	12	1-3
	MILLWALL	SUNDERLAND	13	1-2
	OLDHAM	CRYSTAL P.	14	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	PORTSMOUTH	TRANMERE	15	0-2
	READING	PORTVALE	16	2-2
	WOLVES	LUTON	17	0-0
	BLACKPOOL	CREWE	18	2-1
	BRISTOL R.	BRENTFORD	19	2-0
	CARLISLE	HULL	20	2-0
	CHESTERFIELD	BURNLEY	21	4-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	NOTTS COUNTY	BRISTOL C.	22	2-2
	PETERBORO	BRADFORD	23	3-1
	SHREWSBURY	STOCKPORT	24	1-2
	SWANSEA	OXFORD UTD	25	1-1
	SWINDON	ROVERHAM	26	1-0
	WYCOMBE	REXHAM	27	1-1
	YORK	WALSALL	28	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	BURY	BARNET	29	0-0
	CHESTER	GILLINGHAM	30	1-1
	COLCHESTER	HEREFORD	31	2-0
	DARLINGTON	SCARBORO	32	1-2
	DONCASTER	ROCHDALE	33	0-3
	EXETER	LEYTON O.	34	2-2
	FULHAM	PRESTON	35	2-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	HARTLEPOOL	CARDIFF	36	2-1
	LINCOLN	CAMBRIDGE U.	37	1-3
	MANSFIELD	SCUNTHORPE	38	1-1

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THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 23/9/95 WEEK 530

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 530 SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

10, 16, 22, 34, 35, 38.

Supplementary Number 30.

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE								DIVISION THREE							
Newcastle	7	6	0	1	14	3	18	Chester	9	6	2	1	19	8	20
Manchester United	7	5	1	1	14	8	16	Gillingham	9	5	3	1	13	4	18
Liverpool	7	5	0	2	13	5	15	Cambridge	9	4	4	1	17	14	16
Arsenal	7	4	3	0	10	4	15	Leyton Orient	9	4	4	1	13	8	16
Aston Villa	7	4	2	1	9	5	14	Exeter	9	4	4	1	9	5	16
Leeds	7	4	1	2	12	9	13	Rochdale	9	4	3	2	16	9	15
Middlesbrough	7	3	3	1	7	4	12	Colchester	9	4	3	2	15	11	15
Nottingham Forest	7	2	5	0	11	9	11	Doncaster	9	4	2	3	7	10	14
Wimbledon	7	3	1	3	12	13	10	Fulham	9	3	4	2	18	12	13
Chelsea	7	2	3	2	8	7	9	Plymouth	9	4	1	4	14	11	13
Tottenham	6	2	2	2	8	8	8	Preston	9	2	6	1	14	12	12
Sheffield Wed	7	2	2	3	8	9	8	Wigan	9	3	3	3	9	9	12
Blackburn	7	2	1	4	10	11	7	Northampton	9	3	2	4	12	13	11
Everton	7	2	1	4	9	10	7	Mansfield	9	1	7	1	12	12	10
Queen's Park R.	6	2	0	4	4	9	6	Bury	9	2	4	3	11	18	10
Coventry	7	1	3	3	7	14	6	Torquay	9	2	4	3	9	11	10
West Ham	7	1	2	4	7	11	5	Hereford	9	2	3	4	13	14	9
Southampton	7	1	2	4	7	14	5	Scarborough	9	2	3	4	9	13	9
Bolton	7	1	1	5	8	17	4	Hartlepool	9	2	3	4	8	16	9
Manchester City	7	0	1	6	3	11	1	Cardiff	9	2	3	4	7	9	9
DIVISION ONE								DIVISION ONE							
Leicester	9	5	2	2	15	11	17	Scunthorpe	9	1	4	4	10	13	7
Millwall	9	5	2	2	8	5	17	Barnley	9	1	3	5	7	14	6
Barnsley	9	5	1	3	15	18	16	Lincoln	9	1	2	6	10	24	5
Charlton	9	4	3	2	14	9	15	SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
Norwich	9	4	3	2	13	10	15	Celtic	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
West Bromwich	9	4	3	2	12	9	15	Rangers	4	3	0	1	7	1	9
Sunderland	9	4	3	2	10	8	15	Hibernian	4	2	2	0	6	2	8
Ipswich	9	4	2	3	16	14	14	Aberdeen	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Oldham	9	4	2	3	14	10	14	Raith	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
Tranmere	8	3	4	1	12	7	13	Partick	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Huddersfield	9	4	1	3	13	12	13	Motherwell	4	0	4	0	3	3	4
Grimsby	9	3	4	2	10	10	13	Hearts	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Birmingham	9	3	3	3	16	12	12	Falkirk	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Reading	9	2	5	2	11	11	11	Kilmarnock	4	0	0	4	1	8	0
Southend	9	3	2	4	9	10	11	DIVISION ONE							
Crystal Palace	8	2	4	2	9	10	10	Dunfermline	6	5	0	1	12	3	15
Sheff Utd	9	3	1	5	13	16	10	Dundee	6	2	4	0	10	6	10
Portsmouth	9	2	3	4	12	14	9	Airdrieonians	6	3	1	2	9	8	10
Wolverhampton	9	2	3	4	11	11	9	Dundee United	6	3	1	2	7	8	10
Watford	9	2	3	4	11	12	9	Greenock Morton	6	2	2	2	10	8	8
Derby	9	2	3	4	8	13	9	St Johnstone	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
Stoke	9	2	3	4	8	14	9	Clydebank	6	1	3	2	8	8	6
Port Vale	9	1	3	5	5	11	6	St Mirren	6	1	3	2	5	7	6
Luton	9	1	3	5	5	12	6	Dumbarton	6	2	0	4	6	16	6
DIVISION TWO								DIVISION TWO							
Swindon	9	7	2	0	18	4	23	Hamilton	6	0	2	4	4	11	2
Blackpool	9	6	1	2	14	8	19	DIVISION THREE							
Crewe	8	5	2	1	17	7	17	Livingston	6	6	0	0	14	3	18
Notts County	9	5	2	2	10	6	16	Brechin	6	5	0	1	10	4	15
Bradford	9	5	1	3	13	13	17	Ross County	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
Stockport	9	4	3	2	9	5	15	Forfar	6	4	0	2	8	6	1
Chesterfield	9	4	2	3	15	9	14	Stranraer	6	3	2	1	9	4	11
Oxford	9	3	5	1	12	6	14	Clyce	6	2	2	2	8	5	8
Bristol Rovers	9	4	2	3	11	11	14	Sterhousemuir	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Wycombe	9	3	4	2	12	9	13	Stirling	6	2	2	2	6	6	8
Bournemouth	9	4	1	4	12	13	13	Queen of South	6	1	1	4	8	13	4
Peterborough	9	3	3	3	11	11	12	Ayr	6	1	1	4	4	11	4
Burnley	9	3	3	3	9	9	12	Montrose	6	0	1	5	2	15	1
Brentford	9	3	2	4	5	8	11	DIVISION THREE							
Swansea	9	2	4	3	11	14	10	Livingston	6	6	0	0	14	3	18
Walsall	9	2	3	4	10	10	9	Brechin	6	5	0	1	10	4	15
Carlisle	9	2	3	4	9	14	9	Ross County	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
Rotherham	9	2	3	4	8	12	9	Arbroath	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Wrexham	9	1	5	3	8	11	8	Cowdenbeath	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
York	9	2	2	5	8	14	8	Caledonian Thistle	6	2	1	3	12	10	7
Brighton	9	2	2	5	8	14	8	Queen's Park	6	2	0	4	5	10	6
Bristol City	8	1	4	3	6	12	7	Alloa	6	2	0	4	4	12	6
Hull	9	1	4	4	4	8	7	East Stirling	6	0	1	5	7	14	1
Shrewsbury	9	1	1	7	8	18	4	Albion	6	0	1	5	8	17	

Blackburn's dramatic tumble

Speculation about Dalglish's position

Blackburn's millionaire owner Jack Walker slammed widespread speculation last week that Kenny Dalglish was about to leave Ewood Park.

After four defeats in six League games and a home defeat to Spartak Moscow in the Champions League, the Premiership champions have come under fire from all directions.

But in last week's Daily Express newspaper he describes reports of Dalglish's imminent departure as "nonsense".

"There has been a lot of rubbish talked. I have discussed the whole business with our chairman because we need to get it all sorted out," Walker is quoted as saying.

"I was angry to see reports that Kenny was quitting. I can tell you it is all nonsense. There is no question of Kenny leaving Blackburn."

Speculation has been mounting about Dalglish's future as Blackburn's form goes from bad to worse.

The former Liverpool

manager dramatically quit Anfield in February 1991, only to take over at Blackburn a few months later.

He guided the club to promotion and followed that by securing England's Premier League title last season for the first time in 81 years.

In the summer he shed his tracksuit to become director of football, with assistant Ray Harford taking charge of team

affairs.

But Blackburn made another switch in their management strategy only two weeks ago with Derek Fazackerley returning from Newcastle to take charge of the coaching because Harford believed the players needed a new voice.

Pressure is growing on Walker to take action either by funding new signings or making changes to the complicated

management structure.

Rovers midfielder Mark Atkins, meanwhile, could be offered the chance to join first division Wolves.

Atkins, 27, has been a potential target for former England manager Graham Taylor for several months.

The former Scunthorpe defender, who cost Rovers just \$A92,700 seven seasons ago, now commands a fee of around \$A3 million.



Jack Walker: Millionaire owner of Blackburn. Inset: Kenny Dalglish.

UNITED HUMILIATED

Manchester United suffered a humiliating 3-0 reverse at home to second division York in an English League Cup second round first leg match last week.

Both sides ended the match a player short, with United's Pat McGibbon ordered off after 50 minutes for a professional foul and York's Paul Baker dismissed for a second bookable offence 15 minutes from the end.

Paul Barnes fired York into the lead at Old Trafford after 24 minutes and added a second goal from the penalty spot six minutes into the second half, a minute after McGibbon had been given his marching orders.

Tony Barras made it 3-0 for York just two minutes after Barnes's second goal, leaving United a formidable task in the return leg at the second division club's ground.

Holders Liverpool won 2-0 at home to first division Sunderland. England international Steve McManaman opening the scoring in the eighth minute with a great shot from 20 metres after taking the ball from the toes of team mate Mark Wright as the defender lined up a shot at the end of a surging run.

Substitute Michael Thomas added the second in the 72nd minute, nine minutes after replacing \$A17.36 million record signing Stan Collymore.

BRITAIN PLANS HOOLIGAN CONTROLS



Britain says it plans to use immigration powers for the first time in living memory to stop overseas soccer hooligans disrupting the 1996 European Championships in England.

A spokesman for the Home Office says it will co-ordinate with the soccer unit at Britain's National Criminal Intelligence Service to intercept foreign hooligans at British ports and airports.

He says under existing immigration laws, Britain has the right to refuse entry to anyone whose presence is not conducive to the public good.

Hammers star charged over head injury

The English Football Association (FA) charged West Ham hardman Julian Dicks with bringing the game into disrepute following his clash with Chelsea's John Spencer that left the Scotland striker needing stitches in a head wound.

Television pictures showed Dicks appearing to stamp on the head of Spencer as West Ham crashed to a 3-1 home defeat on September 18.

The 27-year-old Dicks escaped punishment from referee Robbie Hart at the time, although Spencer required eight stitches in a gash above his ear.

Despite the injury, the Scottish international was able to play on with his head covered in a bandage and scored twice in Chelsea's victory.

After the match, shaven-headed Dicks claimed the incident had been an accident and

Spencer played down the incident.

After seeing a video of the clash, referee Hart is understood to have advised action should be taken against the player.

The FA said: "The Football Association have asked the match referee for his comments after viewing video footage of the match.

"The referee has also watched the video footage and has submitted a second report. It is clear that the player has a case to answer."

Dicks, who is likely to exercise his right to a personal hearing, has 14 days to respond to the charge.

But the former England Under-21 defender did little to aid his cause when he followed up last week's incident with the ninth sending-off of his career at Arsenal on Saturday.



Julian Dicks: Ninth sending off.

'OLD FIRM' GAME TO RANGERS

Ally McCoist (right) scored his 20th competitive goal against Celtic to take Scottish giants Rangers into the League Cup semi finals last week.

He struck with 15 minutes remaining, heading home England midfielder Paul Gascoigne's accurate chip to give his side a 1-0 win.

Gascoigne, sampling the Glasgow derby for the first time, was at the centre of a 57th minute storm when he remarkably escaped a booking by referee Jim McCluskey even though he appeared to elbow Paul McStay in the face.

It was the first "Old Firm" match at Parkhead since January 1, 1994, and the atmosphere generated by Celtic's new \$A35.02 million stand was fearsome.

A crowd of 32,789 was inside the ground with a large contingent of police and stewards guarding the 4,700 Rangers fans in the new stand just a few rows from home supporters.

Predictably, Gascoigne was the target for abuse from the Celtic fans before the kickoff and after 17 seconds he fouled Paul McStay.

Twice more in the opening eight minutes he was penalised for fouls.



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